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The News Wishes You a Very Happy Christmas

GENERAL OBREGON REVOLT AGAINST
PREDICTS PEACE IN
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
YUAN SHI-KAI IN
YUN NAN PROVINCE

CARRANZA COMMANDER IN CHIEF
SAYS ORDER WILL BE RESTOR-
ED IN MEXICO IN NEAR FUTURE.
SMELTERS PREPARE TO RE-
SUME OPERATIONS.

WHEREABOUTS VILLA UNKNOWN

Bandit Chieftain Proves Elusive—Ef-
fort May Be Made to Run de Facto
Government Without Foreign Loan.
Big Increase in Business of All
Kinds Is Anticipated.

By the Associated Press.

El Paso, Dec. 24.—A Christmas message expressing the confidence of the de facto government in the early restoration of order in Mexico was sent throughout Mexico tonight by Carranza officials here. Carranza, commander-in-chief of the Carranza army, of the tentative surrender of Gen. Jose organized Villa force. A committee, it Rodriguez and the largest remaining was said, is en route from Rodriguez's headquarters at Casas Grandes to arrange terms.

The whereabouts of General Villa remains a mystery here. General Carranza has instructed General Obregon to dispatch an army westward from Chihuahua to pursue Villa. The pursuit probably will lead the Carranza forces to Matamoros, where four foreigners are held prisoners by General Medina. Carranza under orders, it was reported, from General Villa.

A group of former Villa generals today conferred with General Obregon. General Obregon was selected afterward to muster out the surrendered soldiers. They are to be disbanded, paid, clothed and given the choice of joining Carranza in the campaign against General Zapata or be sent to their homes.

A number of large smelters are preparing to resume operations in Mexico January 15. Other industries, including extensive mining operations, are preparing to reopen as soon as communication is fully restored.

May Not Seek Foreign Loan.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Unofficial information has been received here that General Carranza will try to run the de facto government in Mexico without seeking a foreign loan until some months have passed because of the prevailing high price of money. An effort will be made next month to finance a federal bank but funds obtained for this purpose would not be available for government use, although the banking system is expected to do much toward restoring the country's credit.

Although Mexico now is practically bankrupt, the treasury empty and the national debt increased, Carranza is said to believe that with a policy of economy his provision administration will be able to conduct itself for some time merely by using the ordinary resources of the country. The necessity for this course is urgent, for aside from the question of price, it is said Mexico would have difficulty providing security that would be acceptable to the American bankers who would be depended upon to float any loan.

General Carranza apparently is confident in the belief that there will be an enormous increase in business after the restoration of peace and that the increased port receipts, especially at the northern ports of entry, and the taxes incident to resumption of internal activities will provide adequate revenue for all purposes.

Officials here, however, are doubtful of Carranza's ability to go on without outside money. They point out that the bills the new government will have to pay include such imperative obligations as the resumption of interest payments on the national debt and charges incident to paying the arrears on the National Railways, and that the ordinary expenses of government will increase instead of decrease, and it is known that it is planned to maintain for a long time the army almost at its present strength, something more than 100,000 men.

By the Associated Press.

Peking, Dec. 24.—A revolutionary movement under the leadership of Tsai-Oa, formerly military governor of Yunnan, has broken out. The Chinese government has sent 30,000 soldiers to quell the revolt. The troops have been sent from Sze-Chuen province in western China, bordering on Tibet. The uprising started at Yuan Nanfu, in Yunnan province. Tsai-Oa is a bitter opponent of the monarchy which is to be restored.

The government troops of Yunnan province have not joined the revolt, the latest advice indicating that they are still loyal. The neighboring provinces are not affected.

Tsai-Oa recently resigned a bureau clerkship at Peking, alleging his health had failed. He returned secretly to Yunnan, where he had been a most prominent leader under Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the first provisional president of China, who, of late, is reported to have been conducting revolutionary propaganda. It will require about two weeks of marching through the mountains for the troops from Sze-Chuen province to reach Yunnan.

Announcement from Peking of the outbreak of a revolutionary movement in Yunnan province follows shortly the receipt of private reports that five Chinese provinces, including Yunnan, had declared their independence of the rule of Yuan Shi Kai. The other provinces named in the previous reports were Kwangtung, Kiangsi, Kweichow and Szechuen. It is from the last named province that today's dispatches state troops have been sent into Yunnan, which lies just south of Szechuen and is the southwesternmost province of China. The area of Yunnan is about 116,500 square miles and it has a population estimated at twelve million.

When the movement to have China revert to a monarchy began to gain headway the entire movement made representation to Peking asking that there be no change in the form of government during the war because of the possibility that it might lead to uprisings and endanger the peace of the Orient. The Chinese government, however, replied to the representations of Japan and other powers that it was confident of its ability to handle the internal situation satisfactorily. There were disorders at Shanghai this month when a warship was seized by the rebels and rioting occurred in various parts of the city. The warship was quickly recaptured, however, and the revolt was soon put down. There have been numerous indications since of unrest in south China but no additional outbreaks have been reported until today.

Emperor William at Christmas Tree

By the Associated Press.

Berlin, Dec. 24, via London, Dec. 25.—Emperor William this year, because of his indisposition, was able to spend Christmas with his family at Potsdam.

A slight "inflammation of the cellular tissues" about which no further bulletins have been issued, confines him to his apartments, but not to bed, and he was able to attend the celebration of the Hohenzollern family Christmas tree, or, rather, Christmas trees, which entertainment as usual was held this Christmas eve in the big hall in the new palace at Potsdam.

The emperor, the empress, their daughter, their daughters-in-law and grandchildren each had an individual Christmas tree, graduated in size, on which his or her gifts were arranged, and also gifts for the sons unable to leave the front.

Before the family Christmas tree celebration each princess attended Christmas exercises and later superintended the distribution of gifts at public celebrations held under special patronage.

Snow Storm at St. Louis.

By the Associated Press.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—St. Louis experienced its first snow storm today and tonight, with a foot of snow having fallen between 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. The storm was general throughout Missouri, Illinois and Indiana. The weather bureau reported, "Outlying sections of St. Louis and vicinity of its suburbs were snowbound tonight. Traffic throughout the city was demoralized."

Party Reaches Stockholm.

By the Associated Press.

Stockholm, Dec. 24.—A Reuter dispatch from Stockholm says: "Henry Ford's peace party arrived this morning. Fifty-seven rooms had been engaged for them at one of the big hotels. Mr. Ford's secretary, Lewis P. Lochner, told interviewers that Mr. Ford would stay in Norway for some time to regain his health, but later would rejoin the party. Mr. Lochner declared that no differences existed among the members of the party."

"Tomorrow morning the Swedish Peace and Arbitration association will arrange a meeting at which the members of the Ford peace mission will be welcomed by M. Wavinsky, supreme head of the Good Templars."

SANTA CLAUS BRINGS JOY TO THE HEARTS OF CHILDREN



CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHILDREN

If the Presidential elections were held on December 25 and only children could vote there would be only one candidate and he would win, and that candidate would be Hon. Santa Claus, of the frozen north.

There is a reason, for doesn't Santa answer all one's wishes? Doesn't he give one what one wants on Christmas?

Well, I should say so!

Peace and Good Will Reign in America as Christmas Day Is Ushered In

"Peace on earth, good will to men;"

Angels sang at Bethlehem;

Still the sacred words so sweet

Countless nations now repeat.

On this gladsome Christmas Day.

Beaumont.

By the Associated Press.

Beaumont, Dec. 24.—Ten thousand people attended Beaumont's first municipal Christmas tree celebration tonight. A brass band and a chorus of 500 voices furnished music for the occasion.

Corpus Christi.

By the Associated Press.

Corpus Christi, Dec. 24.—Several hundred children were given Christmas cheer at a municipal Christmas tree celebration in Artesian park here tonight. A chorus of 200 children's voices gave a program of carols.

Fort Worth.

By the Associated Press.

Fort Worth, Dec. 24.—A gigantic mountain cedar lavishly decorated will be the center of Fort Worth's first Christmas celebration, to be given here Sunday afternoon. Every organization in the city will take part in the municipal Christmas entertainment. Special arrangements have been made to take care of the poor children in the city.

Dallas.

By the Associated Press.

Dallas, Dec. 24.—Two thousand empty stockings were filled tonight by the Empty Stocking Club and members of the Good Fellows club. It is believed every poor and unfortunate child in the city was remembered by Santa Claus.

Houston.

By the Associated Press.

Houston, Dec. 24.—Houston's municipal Christmas tree was held here this afternoon in the big Houston municipal auditorium. It is estimated that 3,500 children besides many adults were on hand and enjoyed the festivities. No addresses were delivered but the afternoon made pleasurable for the younger generation of the city.

San Antonio.

By the Associated Press.

San Antonio, Dec. 24.—Ten thousand people witnessed the municipal Christmas tree celebration in front of the historical Alamo tonight, when five thousand children were distributed to two thousand children of the city's poor. A giant mountain cedar, planted in the plaza to be used as a permanent Christmas tree, was beautifully illuminated of vari-colored electric lights. The celebration was under the auspices of the Rotary club.

Duluth.

By the Associated Press.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 24.—Citizens of Duluth and of the thriving cities of the northern Minnesota iron mining zone turned "good fellows" today and filled every stocking hung up by the poor, privately fed and cared for all unlucky families.

Everyone had money—everyone spent money. No man is out of work except by choice. Employers who had never given Christmas presents to employees gave today, and those accustomed to giving in past years gave more.

Lumber companies established a precedent by feeding lumberjacks the first turkey dinner ever served in the remote camps. They also raised wages. The mining companies opened the busiest winter in the history of the industry by putting their men on a three-shift basis.

United States Navy.

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels sent this message to the crew of the superdreadnought

New York at the Brooklyn navy yard,

who entertained a hundred poor children at a Christmas celebration today aboard ship:

"On this Christmas day your thoughtfulness and generosity in providing so many poor children with clothing and gifts and a Christmas dinner on board the New York is another splendid example of the generous spirit of the men of the navy. May this day bring to you and to all the men of our service as much happiness as your self-denials has brought to these little ones."

The secretary also sent the following Christmas greetings to all ships and shore stations of the navy to be broadcast by the navy radio service to all parts of the world where American ships are on duty:

"Voicing the national spirit, I send Christmas greetings to the American navy from the American people."

St. Louis.

By the Associated Press.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—In spite of a snowstorm, hundreds of persons gathered in a large square in the downtown district at nightfall here today to watch the illumination of the great municipal Christmas tree and to sing age-old carols.

Tonight two thousands carolers from churches and schools scattered through the residence sections of the city and sang in front of every window in which a candle burned. They collected funds for the Children's Aid society. Neighborhood celebrations were held this evening at schools and playgrounds.

Chicago.

By the Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Chicago's biggest Christmas in years began at nightfall today. At Grant park on the lake front a 90-foot community Christmas tree with a shining star on its topmost branch shed rays of light on a crowd of watchers and in the crowded tenement house districts self-appointed Santas climbed back stairs and left baskets of good things to bring Christmas joy.

Charity organizations and the county agent, whose office it is to distribute necessities to the needy, asserted that fewer Christmas baskets were needed this year than ever before, though Christmas baskets were estimated to number more than ten thousand.

Oklahoma City.

By the Associated Press.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 24.—Two thousand packages of candy were distributed from the public Christmas tree here Friday night. The tree was erected in a street in the business part of town and was illuminated. An icy wind kept the Christmas shoppers and sight-seers moving.

Little Rock.

By the Associated Press.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 24.—Two thousand people surrounded Little Rock's second municipal Christmas tree, from which presents were distributed to the poor children late this afternoon. The tree was preceded by a parade in which three Santa Clauses rode in automobiles. At the Christmas tree members of the Little Rock chapter of the National Drama League sang Christmas carols.

Hot Springs.

By the Associated Press.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 24.—The first of Christmas celebration through the establishment of a "community tree" took place in Hot Springs tonight when at Cono Square a brilliantly illuminated tree was placed, and which surrounded by about 2,000 people, was the scene of the singing of Christmas carols by the choirs of the churches and lassies of the Salvation Army. The word "peace" in electric lettering was in the fore of the tree and above that a large electric star.

Muskogee.

By the Associated Press.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 24.—Eight hundred children found renewed faith in Santa Claus when the "Goodfellows" spread about the city in automobiles delivering Christmas toys to that number who would otherwise have been "forgotten." Food and clothing were also left at many homes.

Government Forecast.

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Forecast: Oklahoma—Fair and continued colder Saturday; Sunday fair with rising temperature.

Louisiana—Fair and colder Saturday with a cold wave; Sunday fair.

East Texas—Fair and colder Saturday; Sunday fair with rising temperature.

West Texas—Fair Saturday and Sunday; rising temperature Sunday.

Arkansas—Fair and colder Saturday; cold wave in east portion; Sunday fair.

Local Readings.

Readings for the 24 hours ending at 7 o'clock last night: Maximum temperature 64 at 10 a. m., minimum 45 at 7 p. m. yesterday; barometer 30.24; humidity 45; wind 148 miles, highest 23 miles an hour at 2:25 p. m.

Voluntary Forecast.

By Isidor Block, D. O. S., F. R. Met. S.,

Optician and Meteorologist.

Generally fair.

Fair and colder.

WEATHER

MERRY

CHRIS'MUS!

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MEN IN TRENCHES
MAY CALL A TRUCE
FOR CHRISTMAS DAY ANY

GENERAL BOARD ASKS
FOR NAVY EQUAL TO
THE WORLD

By the Associated Press.

London, Dec. 24.—Tomorrow, the second Christmas of the great war, will differ but little from its predecessor, judging from the visible signs of the past twenty-four hours.

Although there is small likelihood of an exact repetition of the strange truce of last year, here and there it is probable that the opposing lines will come to some sort of an understanding which will permit each other to celebrate their one common day of rejoicing without undue annoyance.

Except on the Deserainville front, where the Russians have taken the offensive against the Austria-Hungarians, on the Hartmanns-Weckerkopf sector front little fighting of consequence is in progress in any of the numerous war theatres.

In the Hartmanns-Weckerkopf the exact situation remains obscure owing to discrepancies in the official reports. It is assumed that Hartmanns-Weckerkopf has been completely recaptured by the Germans and that the French have been driven out of the trenches on the northern slope.

Paris, however, says that a German attack on the whole front recently captured by the French between the summit of Hartmanns-Weckerkopf and the approaches to Wattwiller was repulsed.

According to Vienna the Russians suffered heavy losses in an attack on parts of the Bessarabian front. The Italians are still hammering away with their big guns on the Tolmino bridgehead positions of the Austrians, but no decided gain here or at any point along the line is claimed.

Fearful that the Bulgarians, or their Teutonic allies may yet cross the frontier to attack them, the French and British forces are actively entrenching in the vicinity of Saloniki. As yet, however, no attempt has been made by either the Bulgarians or any of the allies to invade Greek territory in quest of the troops of the entente allies.

Delayed Montenegrin official advices chronicle another repulse of the Austro-Hungarians.

New York Starts
Big Celebration
of Christmas Day

By the Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 24.—Official celebration of Christmas in New York tonight, when the lights were turned on in "community" trees and choirs sang carols, while thousands of belated shoppers hurried to department stores.

Charitable organizations completed arrangements for the distribution of thousands of well-wishers for the poor. More than 50,000 company employees toiled late to clear away an avalanche of Christmas packages.

On the stock exchanges in Wall street banks and brokers' offices, stores and factories, Christmas bonuses were distributed with an unprecedented scale and there was no lack of funds to provide for the needs of charity.

Children's Evangelist Booth announced that all arrangements had been made for the greatest Christmas dinner ever given by the Salvation Army in the metropolitan district will share in the feast, and toys will be given to nearly 50,000 children.

Christmas Day was ushered in with prayers for peace offered at midnight masses in every Roman Catholic church in the diocese under instructions from Cardinal Farley.

Vincent Astor will provide dinners to harbor 1,000 families through various agencies; Congressman George W. Loft will distribute 3,000 baskets among the poor of his district; and James J. Hagans, democratic leader of the Fifteen assembly district, played Santa Claus tonight for 2,000 persons.

Through an Italian newspaper 3,000 parcels were distributed among the Italian poor. An entertainment was given to night for the immigrants at Ellis Island, by Christmas Day was ushered in with prayers for peace offered at midnight masses in every Roman Catholic church in the diocese under instructions from Cardinal Farley.

Bad Wreck in Indiana.

By the Associated Press.

Veedsburg, Ind., Dec. 24.—Four trainmen were killed and a score of persons injured, none seriously, late today when an eastbound Clover Leaf passenger train crashed head-on into a freight train. The wreck occurred near here during a blinding snow storm.

Accidental Killing in Arkansas.

By the Associated Press.

Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 24.—Miss Rosa Bumbacher, aged 17, was shot and instantly killed here tonight by the accidental discharge of a small calibre rifle in the hands of Elmer Weakly, during a neighborhood Christmas festival. Young Weakly declared he did not know the gun was loaded.

Personnel Wanted.

"Personnel—11,000 men. This number will provide for the needs of the present ships of the navy including those nearing completion, but it must

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Peace Expedition Proceeds Leaving Henry Ford Behind

By the Associated Press.

Stockholm, Dec. 24.—On account of his serious illness Henry Ford has been compelled to abandon his trip. The remaining members of the expedition will continue to Copenhagen and The Hague with the idea of carrying out Mr. Ford's original plan for a permanent arbitration board. The committee has issued the following statement:

"The illness of Mr. Ford, while not dangerous, is serious. His doctor asserts confidently that there is no organic disease but that there is urgent need for the relief from responsibility for the expedition will speedily restore him to normal health."

Before leaving the party, Mr. Ford said: "If I am well enough I will surely join the expedition later. I am confident it will continue the same without me, and that it will do much toward bringing peace."

The absence of Mr. Ford has caused some regret among the delegates, as the impression seems to prevail that it will detract materially from the prospects of the expedition.

While in Christiania Mr. Ford was

obliged to remain constantly in his hotel and his non-appearance caused much disappointment to the throngs of Norwegians at the meetings and to the many who gathered in front of his stopping place. His speech was commented upon by the local press.

A message has been sent to William J. Bryan, urging him to join the party in Europe.

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America Will Investigate Sinking of Japanese Ships

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The state department today began an inquiry into the sinking in the Mediterranean of the Japanese liner Yashima Maru, by cableing the American consular agent at Port Said, Egypt, to forward promptly all available details.

Prompt action followed receipt of unofficial reports that the vessel had been torpedoed by an Austrian submarine without warning, thereby endangering the life of an American citizen on board.

Should official verification be received, the matter will be made the subject of further diplomatic correspondence with Austria-Hungary.

Officials made no attempt tonight to conceal the fact that the sinking of the Yashima Maru under the alleged circumstances would seriously complicate the negotiations over the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona, which already has

threatened to result in the breaking of diplomatic relations.

Baron Erich Zwiadnek, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy here, is understood to have told Secretary Lansing during an informal conference that in preparing a reply to the second American note the Austro-Hungarian office would be guided by concern for the good relations at present existing with the United States government.

What the existing tension though there was no indication that Austria-Hungary had decided to comply with the demands of the United States.

The United States does not contemplate entering into extended diplomatic exchanges over the Ancona case. Unless some good reason presents itself, further negotiations, the United States, it is said, will consider as final the reply to its second note which Baron Zwiadnek informed Secretary Lansing today probably would arrive before Wednesday.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Marks Millinery Co.
511 AUSTIN AVENUE.
WHOLESALE & RETAIL.

We Wish You All

Those who are our valued patrons—and those whom we hope soon to include in that great number—

**Right Hearty
Yuletide Greetings**

—And we thank you sincerely for your part in making this one of our most prosperous years.

MILLER-CROSS CO.

The Home of Good Shoes
Corner Fourth and Austin.

STORM WARNINGS ALONG GULF COAST

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 24.—The weather bureau tonight reported a storm of marked intensity over the lower Mississippi valley, moving eastward, and announced that storm warnings had been displayed along the Gulf coast from Brownsville, Texas, to Tampa, Fla., and along the Atlantic seaboard from Jacksonville, Fla., to Boston.

Cold wave warnings were ordered for the Gulf states, Northwest Georgia, Tennessee and Arkansas.

Sloop Encounters Storm.
By the Associated Press.
Corpus Christi, Dec. 24.—The fishing sloop Fortuna of the Gulf Fisheries company, Galveston, reached Port Aransas tonight after being swept nearly 200 miles out of her course in the Gulf of Mexico, and being derelict for eleven days. One member of the crew became insane and attempted to jump overboard.

Want Government to Have Control of Radio Stations

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 24.—Recommendations that the government control and operate all coastal radio stations within the jurisdiction of the United States and establish a practical monopoly for the transmission of all government business, are included in the annual report of Capt. W. H. G. Bullard, superintendent of the navy radio service, made public tonight. The board of radio organization, the report adds, is preparing amendments to existing laws to work out this scheme which will be submitted to the secretary in a special communication.

Hospital Supplies May Be Shipped, Says Great Britain

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 24.—A statement was issued by the British embassy here tonight denying that Great Britain had extended to hospital supplies of all kinds its prohibition against the shipment to the Teutonic countries of such supplies made of rubber.

Fourteen Injured in Frisco Collision

By the Associated Press.
St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Fourteen persons were injured in a head-on collision between St. Louis and San Francisco (Frisco) passenger train No. 823 bound from St. Louis to Memphis and a Frisco commuters' train in the local yards tonight. Several passengers were thought to be hurt seriously.



BAD WEATHER FOR GERMAN CHRISTMAS

NATION CHEERFUL IN SPITE OF CLIMATIC CONDITIONS AND PRESENT WAR.

Many Veterans from Trenches Will Spend the Holidays With Their Families.

By the Associated Press.
Berlin, Dec. 24.—(Via London, Dec. 25, 3:45 a. m.)—Germany is celebrating the second war Christmas under the worst conceivable climatic conditions. Snow had been steadily falling throughout the empire for a week, giving every promise of a white Christmas, but a 24-hours steady rain has converted the yuletide snow mantle to deep mud and slush.

In spirit, however, the nation is making of it a cheerful Christmas. Encouraged by the long record of German victories and the satisfactory conclusion of the Serbian campaign and having made up their minds there is no immediate prospect of peace, the people generally seem determined to ignore the probability of an indefinite continuation of the war and minor discomforts such as bread cards and other food regulations and will celebrate the great German festival in the traditional spirit.

A large proportion of the nation's manhood of course will observe the day in the trenches and bomb proofs. Last year almost every dugout and shelter had its dwarfed but gaily decorated Christmas tree and the men received Christmas gifts and cheer from home. A similar condition will prevail tomorrow.

The army authorities this year have been most liberal in granting Christmas furloughs and thousands of veterans will spend Christmas with their families. For a week the streets of Berlin and of other cities have been crowded with returning soldiers dressed in their war-worn uniforms.

All the merchants report that they have had a good Christmas trade. The dealers in jewelry and other luxuries say they have virtually sold out their wares and the stocks of the expensive fashions and confectioners are almost depleted. The toy dealers and the establishments patronized by the masses also have done an exceptional business during December, which is considered to show there is no appreciable scarcity of money.

Christmas Brought to Pittsburg Kids by Millionaire Frick

By the Associated Press.
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—H. C. Frick, millionaire coal magnate, announced today that he will pay in full as a Christmas gift, all the accounts of the 41,000 school children, depositors in the Pittsburg bank for savings, which was closed here last Wednesday by order of the state department of banking. The deposits of the children will be paid and will be made in cash probably about Jan. 2.

The school savings fund was started many years ago. Through an agreement with the city board of education, bank collectors visited the 132 schools in the city weekly. Penny by penny the deposit of the children increased. Then, a few days before Christmas, announcement was made by the bank that its doors had closed.

When Mr. Frick, who was in New York, was informed that the thousands of children were depositors he at once communicated with H. C. McDowell, president of another local bank and announced that he would take care of the fund in such a way that the school children would not lose a cent. The proposal was submitted to G. H. Getty, receiver for the closed institution who secured the approval of state bank commissioner W. H. Smith and Attorney General Frank S. Brown to assist in carrying out the plan.

Mr. Frick in a special letter proposed that the children were to receive their money without delay, and arrangements were made with officials of the Pittsburg Bank for Savings and the Union Savings Bank to formulate a plan for the paying of the 41,000 accounts just as soon as banking officials can complete their canvass of the books of the closed institution.

In order to simplify this task the manner of making payments will be announced through the principals of the schools whose pupils are depositors.

Christmas Eve Less Solemn in Paris Than for Last Year

Paris, Dec. 24.—The second Christmas eve of the war was even less solemn than the first. Parisians are becoming accustomed to the unusual conditions imposed by the war and although no restaurants were permitted to remain open all night, the boulevards were thronged until a late hour and the traditional booths enjoyed an unusually good trade in toys and candy. Hundreds of soldiers in French grey, Belgians in blue and British in khaki relieved the sombre colors worn by civilians. A brilliant full moon made up for the restrained lighting of the streets. Theatres and moving picture places were crowded to capacity. Services in all churches were attended as rarely before, the congregations being impressively devotional.

Columbia Wins at Chess.
By the Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 24.—Columbia university won the intercollegiate chess championship tournament which ended here today with a score of 10* points won to 1½ lost. Princeton took second place with 6 points to 6 points.

Col. Hipolito Villa Is Still in Jail

By the Associated Press.
El Paso, Dec. 8.—Immediately following his release late today, after bonds of \$10,000 had been furnished, Hipolito Villa, brother of General Villa, was re-arrested and returned to jail in default of \$20,000 additional bonds. Villa was re-arrested on a charge of bringing stolen property into the state. The prisoner was brought here last night from San Antonio, where he was arrested on a charge of attempting to pass a worthless check for \$10,000.

Serum for Whooping Cough.
By the Associated Press.
Berlin, Dec. 24.—The Overseas News Agency gave out the following item today: "Great interest has been aroused in Berlin medical circles by the notice that Dr. Kratz of Buenos Aires has discovered a serum for the cure of whooping cough. In spite of the fact that little is known of the inventor in bacteriological circles, it is said that tests of the serum assure its success."

LAND OWNER BILL WILL BE SUBMITTED

SYSTEM OF FARM MORTGAGE CREDITS TO BE RECOMMENDED TO CONGRESS.

Borrowing Associations of Two Classes Are Provided for by the New Plan.

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 24.—A land owner bill, which is expected to have the approval of the administration was completed today by a sub-committee of the joint congressional committee on rural credits. Senator Hollis was authorized to present the measure to the full committee on January 3. Already it has been informally approved by practically the entire membership of the committee. The bill would provide for a comprehensive farm mortgage credits system under the control and supervision of a federal land bank board of five members, to be appointed by the president, with the approval of the senate. The country would be divided into twelve districts, each with a regional land bank having a capital stock of \$50,000, to be issued in 10 shares for purchase by the public. Any such stock not taken within 90 days by private capital or by local loan organizations contemplated by the bill, would be subscribed by the federal government.

Business would be done directly between the regional banks and the local banks, which such as branch banks, organized to organize in the form of co-operative farm loan associations or joint stock banks, charters for which would be passed on by the land bank board. Applications for loans approved by the local organizations would be recommended to the regional bank of the district. The banks would be authorized to loan out of capital stock or to sell bonds to obtain sufficient funds to make the loans and the farmers would be charged as interest the interest on the bonds, plus 1 per cent. In order to reduce the rate of interest, the bonds of the bill will provide they must be acceptable by the banks as security for the deposits of public funds.

The borrowing associations would be divided into two classes: Those organized with limited liability and those with unlimited liability. They would appraise the land on which a farmer sought to obtain money and would themselves become liable for the loan. Thus the bonds would be backed by the regional banks, the local association, the borrowing farmer and a mortgage on the land given to the association.

Out of their profits regional banks ultimately would refund to the government such money as it may have invested in the enterprise. Payments of the mortgages by borrowers would be made on the installment plan, running for a period of not exceeding six years. The land banks would be permitted to accept savings deposits and in certain specified cases to employ special agencies including trust companies and savings banks, to make loans.

The completed bill is a compromise measure embodying many of the features of the Hollis-Bulley bill of the last congress and most of the underlying principles of the Fletcher-Moss bill, fostered by the United States committee on rural credits. Senator Fletcher, president of the committee, was in consultation today with the sub-committees and will support the measure.

Wilsons Attend Program in Hotel

By the Associated Press.
Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 24.—President and Mrs. Wilson participated tonight in an old-fashioned Virginia Christmas celebration, held in the spacious lounge of their hotel. It was their first appearance in the public part of the hotel since they arrived Sunday to spend their honeymoon.

A big and gaily-decorated Christmas tree, filling one end of the lounge, presided over by a dusky Santa Claus. Before it disported fifteen negroes, whose antics and musical efforts lent the event and everybody else almost convulsed with laughter.

When Mr. Wilson and his bride appeared they found a crowd of merry celebrators, including many other honeymoon couples, standing waiting for them to take reserved places. Mrs. Wilson wore an evening gown of black chiffon velvet, with flesh-colored cloth at the neck. She wore a diamond brooch given her by the president and a small wrist watch.

It was near midnight when the party broke up with hearty exchanges of Christmas good wishes. Earlier in the evening the president and Mrs. Wilson on returning from an automobile ride had been surprised by finding in their dinner table a brilliantly lighted little Christmas tree, surmounted by a dove of peace.

Pope Expresses Desire for Peace

By the Associated Press.
Rome, Dec. 24.—Pope Benedict today, in replying to the Christmas address and greetings extended on behalf of the sacred college by Cardinal Vannutelli feelingly alluded to the "terrible war in Europe" and spoke of the immense carnage and cruelty as unprecedented in history. The pontiff again expressed an ardent desire for peace and said that in conformity with the wishes of many of the faithful he had consented to make an addition to the "queen of peace, pray for us," to the litany of Loretto, and expressed the hope that the Virgin's intercession with God would soon bring an answer to his prayers.

Pope Benedict's reply to Cardinal Vannutelli's greetings was delivered on the occasion of the reception by the pontiff of the sacred college.

Burning of Church Charged to Couples; Parson Reprimanded

By the Associated Press.
Fairfield, Ill., Dec. 24.—Ralph Shook and Mrs. Carrie Withrow, a widow; Ollie Bradford and Miss Eva Etherington were bound over to the Wayne county grand jury today on a charge of setting fire to the Second Baptist church in Hickory Hill township on December 9. The four were released on \$400 bond each. The church building was destroyed in flames soon after the congregation had departed, following an evening service during which two couples were reprimanded by the minister for their behavior in church.

Mrs. Deldrago's Gift to Italy Only \$2000

By the Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Josephine Deldrago today denied that she has given \$250,000 to the queen of Italy for distribution among soldiers' families as reported in a dispatch from Rome last night.

"Among the several contributions I have made to the Red Cross and other organizations was one of two thousand dollars to a society which is under the auspices of the queen of Italy," said Mrs. Deldrago. "This gift was apparently raised to \$2,000,000 through an error in transmission."

A Merry Christmas!

It's the same old wish in the wishing,
But the wish is warm and true,
For a merry, merry Christmas,
And a glad New Year to you!

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A Merry Christmas!

May your cup of cheerfulness on this Christmas Day be filled to overflowing.

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A Merry Christmas

Hail! for our Christmas now is here!
Rich be your feasting and your cheer;
And as we've closed the shop
Let's wish you all a bright New Year!

—Omar—(Revised)

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A Merry Christmas

So today while you're wining and dining,
And your thoughts are far, far from repining,
Let us wish you good cheer;

Let us thank you for your patronage steady
And assure you of services ready
Throughout the New Year.

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Good Morning

A MERRY XMAS

to You and Yours

The Grocery Store Different
George S. Stubbins

Supreme Court Hands Down Some Decisions and Then Adjourns

Special to The Morning News.
Austin, Dec. 24.—After recessing from last Wednesday until today the supreme court disposed of the following business:
Motions for rehearing overruled: E. N. Brown, trustee, vs. B. F. Yaakum et al., Webb county; Grand Temple and Tabernacle, etc., vs. Smith Johnson, Bexar; Houston Light & Power Co. of 1905 vs. T. J. Conley, Harris; Emily Whittaker vs. Amanda Sheno et al., Bexar; State of Texas vs. I. C. G. N. R. Co., Harris; Alamo Oil and Refining Co. vs. S. J. Richards, Bexar; Paul Stone Company vs. Reynolds Saucedo, Bexar.
Motions to advance granted (causes to be set later on): Ben Houett vs. J. T. Robinson, commissioner (mandamus); Roper & Gilley vs. J. C. Lumpkin Co., Judge et al., Ellis; Elmer Marshall vs. J. T. Robinson, commissioner (mandamus).
Motion for leave to file petitions for mandamus granted: A. C. Barber vs. J. T. Robinson, commissioner, etc.; Texas Midland Railway vs. Becker & Cole, Kaufman; Texas Midland Railway vs. C. J. Fogelman, Kaufman.
Motion to dismiss overruled: W. B. Fordtran et al. vs. W. B. Cunningham, Harris; R. E. Cunningham vs. G. W. Irwin, Hardin.
Motion for leave to file petition for mandamus refused: O. C. Bundick vs. Jos. Murray, clerk.
Motion to advance overruled: Abilene Ind. Tel. & Tel. Co. vs. John Williams et al., mayor.
Motion to dismiss granted and applications for writs of error dismissed for want of jurisdiction: Southern Traction Co. vs. L. C. Harburt et al., Dallas; Mrs. Margie Capps et al. vs. City of Longview, Gregg.
Thereupon the court adjourned until Wednesday, January 5, 1916.

Christmas Pardon for Witty.
Special to The Morning News.
Austin, Dec. 24.—J. B. Witty of Waco is among the list granted Christmas pardons.

Pork Plentiful at McGregor.
Special to The Morning News.
McGregor, Dec. 24.—There has been an unusual amount of pork killed in the McGregor country this winter. The large corn crop and the interest in hog raising for the past year or two has produced the large amount of pork this winter which will do much to put the farmer's business on a cash basis. The verification is making good headway in the black land cotton belt.

McGregor Teacher Loses Purse.
Special to The Morning News.
McGregor, Dec. 24.—Miss Daisy Eitel had the misfortune when in Waco last Saturday to lose her purse containing \$40 or more. She is of the opinion that while shopping that it was taken when she was in the store when she laid it down to look at articles. Miss Eitel is a teacher and was in Waco receiving her check and making her monthly report.

Waco Orphanage Remembered.
Special to The Morning News.
McGregor, Dec. 24.—The McGregor Methodist Sunday school carried by making their contribution to the Methodist Orphanage at Waco as a Christmas gift. The amount sent the little unfortunates was \$46.50.

Sane Christmas at Mart.
Special to The Morning News.
Mart, Dec. 24.—Mayor John L. Vaughan has passed a Christmas proclamation calling upon the citizenship of Mart to so conduct themselves that a sane and safe Christmas may be enjoyed.

Mart Baptists Entertained.
Special to The Morning News.
Mart, Dec. 24.—Rev. J. W. Mayfield and wife were at home to the members of the Baptist church Tuesday evening. The children were invited to come between the hours of 5 and 6 and more than a hundred enjoyed the pleasures planned especially for them. The older members were entertained from 7 to 10. A program of short talks and music were enjoyed by the guests after which fruit punch and cake were served.
Rev. Mayfield and wife were thanked for a very pleasurable evening and congratulated upon the feeling existing in his charge.

How to Give Quinine to Children.
FEBRILINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 2-ounce original package. The name FEBRILINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

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HEALTH OFFICERS TO FIGHT TYPHUS FEVER

THREE CASES FOUND AT LAREDO AND STRICT QUARANTINE ESTABLISHED.

All Patients So Far Are Mexicans, Born in Texas—Situation in Hand.

Special to The Morning News.
Austin, Dec. 24.—The state health department will rigidly enforce the quarantine laws to prevent a spread of typhus fever in Texas. According to a statement made today at the state health department there exists at Laredo, Texas, three cases which have been diagnosed as typhus fever and that there are three other cases under suspicion. All the cases have been isolated. The health department sees no occasion for any alarm, the situation being well in hand.

Orders have been issued to all quarantine stations to enforce the twelve day detention rule on all persons coming into Texas from infected districts in Mexico, also to thoroughly disinfect and fumigate all baggage and railroad cars.

The cases at Laredo, according to the health department, are Mexicans born in Texas.

Many Turkeys at Lott.

Special to The Morning News.
Lott, Dec. 24.—This town has easily become the leading turkey market of Falls county. There have been shipped from here this fall some times 400 or 500 turkeys a day, the total shipment running up into the thousands. This has represented quite an item in the town's business. It has proven a very profitable source of diversification, and the probabilities are that another year will witness considerable growth in the industry.

Lott School Closes.

Special to The Morning News.
Lott, Dec. 24.—The Lott public school closed yesterday for the Christmas holidays and will resume work January 1. All out of town teachers have gone to visit their homes. The pupils of the high school last night at the school auditorium, presented a play that was well attended and highly appreciated. The proceeds will be applied to providing additional equipment for the auditorium.

The business firms of Lott have recently donated to the school auditorium a beautiful stage curtain and complete stage settings.
The Home Economics club, lately organized by Mrs. J. L. Landrum of agricultural department at Austin, has a membership of about ninety. The club is planning to raise funds to procure additional furnishings for the superintendent's office.

All the churches in town will have Christmas trees tonight.

Adopt Baby for Christmas.

Special to The Morning News.
Dallas, Dec. 24.—Declaring that he and his wife wanted to adopt a baby for Christmas, a present, a well to do Dallas man this morning telephoned to the Dallas Times Herald to know where the baby could be found. The Times Herald reported that a beautiful, auburn haired and blue eyed, was found. It was then taken to the home of the couple in one of the most fashionable districts of the city and presented to its new parents. It was a touching scene as the real mother kissed the little cheek a last farewell and looked from a drawn curtain through the window as the automobile bore away to its new home. It was a big Christmas tree was in readiness. On it hung rattlers and other little playthings.

Cold Wave at Dallas.

Special to The Morning News.
Dallas, Dec. 24.—One of the coldest waves of the year hit Dallas late today. Predictions are that it will be a cold Christmas for North Texas. All stores in the city will be closed Saturday and a formal celebration of the Christmas seasons will be on.

General Manager T. P. & L. Resigns.
Special to The Morning News.
Dallas, Dec. 24.—George S. Haley, vice president and general manager for the Texas Power and Light company, today resigned his position. He expects to go to South Texas for a long needed rest. He will be there three months.

College Students at Home.

Special to The Morning News.
McGregor, Dec. 24.—Several McGregor homes are more cheerful by the coming of young people from the various colleges. McGregor has almost a score of young people in college this year, and among those who are now at home for the season are as follows: Porter Brown, Butler Westfield, Don Haynes and Loretz Hackney from Southwestern Methodist university at Dallas; Mack Graham and Mechanical college; Louie Lyon and Grady Walker, from Meridian college; George and Lucian Roach of Baylor university; Miss Rhena Nance from Milford; Bertie Ford and Morris Nunn, from the University of Texas.

Gatesville Marriage Licenses.

Special to The Morning News.
Gatesville, Dec. 24.—There has been issued by the county clerk thirty-one permits to marry during this month so far. He thinks there will be several more before the month closes.

Norther at Mart.

Special to The Morning News.
Mart, Dec. 24.—A brisk north wind blew up here about 12 o'clock today and the temperature continues to lower. Many predict a heavy freeze tonight.

A MODEL OBITUARY FOUND.

Texas County Trimmer Praised the Late Bud Snason in Verse.

To the Texas County Trimmer we are indebted for a model solution of one of the confusing problems of journalism, which is even more acute in the country than in the less intimate relations of city life, we suppose. It is the embarrassing of the obituary to which we allude, the difficulty of approximating the facts while at the same time expressing a flattering estimate of a deceased subject, paid up or otherwise, over whose mortal frailties we should prefer to draw the veil.

To few of us is given the grace of Marc Antony in disposing of a delicate subject who has friends in the neighborhood, but the Texas County Trimmer earns its name in trimming around the memory of the late Bud Snason, with this post-mortem poetry:

Old Bud Snason was a game old man,
Showed some speed in the race he ran;
Never blushed for no disgrace,
But lived and died with the whiskers on his face.
Peace to his bones; his race is run
And we aim to forget all the things he done.

The worst of us can ask no better treatment. Poetic license is a beautiful sister of the charity which covers the multitude of sins, and virtues embalmed a verse will survive alone in memory.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Current Events

IN WOMAN'S SPHERE

BOTH PHONES 1958.

KATE FRIEND, EDITOR

CHRISTMAS WEDDING COMES THIS EVENING

At 8 o'clock this evening, Columbus Street Baptist church, the wedding of Miss Essie Ruth Owen to O. A. Lester takes place. Invitations have been sent. Following the ceremony there will be immediate departure for a wedding trip.

MR. AND MRS. JACK SANGER COMPLIMENT VISITORS

As special compliment to the home guest, Miss Thelma Shusterman of Austin, also to welcome home from school in New York, Miss Mildred Friend, and in welcome to Lester Friend, and in welcome to Lester Friend, P. Jack Sanger gave a beautiful dinner of seven courses on Thursday evening.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE GIVEN FOR THE HUACO CLUB

In addition to the Christmas dinner already announced, the Huaco club has sent card to member to tell of a special New Year's dinner. The request is for reservations at once. This comes on Friday evening. Dancing from 9-11:30 will be followed by midnight supper and jolly watch party in the club parlors.

BRIDAL BRIDGE PLAYS WITH MRS. EDWARD SILVERS

Quite the pretty little game was played by members of the Bridal Bridge on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Edward Silvers was the hostess. In the prizes fell to the hostess and to Mrs. Louis Roddy. In offering her two course luncheon Mrs. Silvers introduced the table trays, and gave patronage to each in a bid vase holding a rich red rose. The club plays next Thursday with Mrs. Nathan Cinnamon entertaining with Mrs. Robert Silvers.

MRS. BEN GRAY KENDAL HAS CHRISTMAS CHEER

In her own hospitable way Mrs. Ben Gray Kendal gave Christmas cheer to her neighbors and her friends during the late hours of Thursday. Mrs. Kendal in anticipation of the coming had her interior just as cheery as a Christmas tide could be. Several, informally to be sure, dispensed a Christmas cheer. The spirit which prompted Mrs. Kendal, that of extending the season's good wishes, was more than realized.

TABLES ARE ENGAGED FOR HUACO CLUB DINNER

Tonight out at the Huaco club there will be a brilliant Christmas assembly, members of the club with their guests go out for Christmas greeting and special dinner. Those who had reservations before early afternoon of Friday were Mr. and Mrs. William Slepner, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bondthaler, A. Little, W. D. Lacy, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. McKie, Greer Patton, Creswell Eaton and Clarence Hubby, Jr. In all more than sixty plates.

NOTICE IS GIVEN FOR RED CROSS SEALS

Today finds the close of Red Cross Christmas seals for this city. The sale has netted considerable more. It was a hundred dollars, an amount considered quite creditable considering the lateness with which the seals arrived. Every penny spent goes for relief of tuberculosis in this state. No state is more infected with the disease than ours. As general chairman, Mrs. J. W. Downs gives notice that she will gladly receive and forward any checks which may be sent her within the next day or two. Several have expressed their intention of so doing. Early this week Mrs. Downs will make her report to Austin.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS! A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

If there is one character from all fiction who lives vividly, and well continue to live so long as mankind responds to the Christmas season, it is that creature of Charles Dickens' brain, that sordid character in the Christmas Carol. Yet, even old Scrooge at last found his stony heart softened to the spirit of good will to men. So, with us all! The heart expands with the first intimation of the Christmas tide. Families gather, servants are remembered, the cheery smile is ready for high and low, and everybody is fellow with everybody else. The Scrooges all disappear and the whole world is as jolly as Kris Kringle himself. The Morning News gathers all its readers into this family good will. For all the many personal favors, there goes a hearty appreciation. The women, in their every relation, have good will from the editor. No one more than the women works toward that peace on earth, good will toward men. Therefore it is the great privilege of the Morning News to testify that these, above all, are entitled to that hallowed joy which comes from remembering others. Thrice a Happy Christmas and thrice again a Happy New Year to the women of Waco from the Morning News!

SOCIAL NEEDLECRAFT ENJOYS CHRISTMAS TREE

With Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Barron tree.

A Merry Xmas to All of Our Patrons and Friends

MORRISON'S "OLD CORNER"

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The Biggest and the Best in Texas.

mediate host and hostess, members of the Social Needlecraft, husbands and children, together with few by special invitation, enjoyed a delightful Christmas tree frolic. The rooms were screened, wall, archways and door frames, in reception hall, parlor and dining room, with the holiday greenery and red, not forgetting the always attractive bell. For the first hour the dining room was closed. Opened, after the program of music and readings, all attuning to the Christmas spirit, the table was a white and green study, made so by clever use of snow ball, popcorn, and white cake cover. But, greater than all, was the glittering tree which sparkled its welcome as each one entered. For gifts, members of the Social Needlecraft had made their own gifts. At fitting time old Santa Claus (Edward Stuart) appeared to distribute. In addition to the club families, there were by special invitation to enjoy this opening Christmas gayety for the Social Needlecraft, Mrs. Sell, the Misses Marie Sell, Daisy Sell, Ione Sell, Sadie Sadler, Bernice Gibson, Ruth Gibson, Nita Thornton, Ida Smathers, Howena Kessler, Mildred Miller and Evelyn Ripley, with W. P. Thornton, J. L. Martin, W. G. Hooper, J. R. Stewart, Ed Burton, M. E. Gregory.

MISSSES SMITH AND SEARCY OPEN COLLEGE GAYETY

To the Misses Camille Searcy and Fay Smith goes the distinction of having sounded the first note of gayety for the college set. This was done in a beautiful Christmas dance at the Elks club. Invitations to more than the hundred young folks, also to a number whose presence gave dignity to youth, made the guest list. For the very first time boys and girls who had been widely separated during school term gave greeting home. The Misses Smith and Searcy provided for a dance of fifteen numbers, their two favors being dedicated to "Christmas" and to the college boys and girls. The greeting was given during informal reception in the parlors of the club. Passing to the ball room floor, guests entered a typical Christmas bower. With garlands of cedar, drops of mistletoe, and Christmas bells everywhere, the pretty effect was given. At the door stood Marie Brazelton and Ruth Searcy with the programs. Short intermission came for making engagements, and then it was dance until a new day came. In the meantime, from a Christmas table, punch and sandwiches were served all through the evening. Midway in the dancing the two program girls took station in the middle of the floor for the Christmas favor. Here, harps and horns and whistles, everything which would make noise, was used. Then it was Christmas jollity sure enough. The college favor found lights lowered and another pretty effect reached. As guests of the Misses Searcy and Smith were Misses Ida Elliott, Florie Duke with Mrs. J. T. Searcy, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Brazelton, Mr. and Mrs. Layton Puckett, with the Misses Nancy Joy, Mildred, Florie Neale Cooper, Lee Ella Elliott, Pauline Braustadt, Adrienne Wilkes, Abigail Wilkes, Hester Foster, Mary Louise Woolford, Florence Patten, Florence Freid, Arath Ellis, Sadie Cartwright, Erin McDaniel, Lillian Taylor, Lillian Westbrook, Ruth Blair, Lalla Fay Lacy, Wilma Shaffer, Mildred Moore, Nell Orand, Lucile Lewis, Mary Shelton, Emma Farrell, Mary Farrell, Lazenby, Fay Hoffman, Mary Hoffman, Marian Duncan, Alice Brazelton, Bess Herick, Roberta Rogers, Louise Tilman of Nashville, Helen Miller, Virginia Eddens, Louise Irwin, Louise Lawson, Helen Williams, Marjorie Moore, Dorothy Kepler, with Messrs. Dick Holt of West, William Fall, E. A. Miller, Dotson, Douglas Hamilton, Conolly Willis, Herman Olenbush, M. B. Dugger, J. B. Holloway, Jr., W. W. Wigley, Athrell Vick, John D. Mayfield, Jr., Robert McKnight, Richard Spencer, Cyrus Searcy, Key, William Puckett, John Moore, Jr., Kendall Smith, William Duncan, Ben Lee Boynton, Earl Farrell, John H. Hefel, John Fort, Erickham Cartwright, Harrison Waite, Jesse Root, Berry Brazelton, C. B. McCollum, Jake Tiley, Howard Lazenby, Robert Eckles, Tope Eckles, Martin Harden, Bruton Orand, Alex Dollins, Harrison, Ray, Mayfield, W. W. Mayfield, Staxton Bonner, Bira Adams, Scott Hill, Clarence Hubby, C. H. Wakefield, also Messrs. and Mesdames Roy Goebel, William Dugger, Herbert Davis and Willie B. Wiley of West.

Society Personals

Mrs. Minnie Carroll King of Speight street has gone for the holidays in Beaumont.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter King of Speight street are spending the holidays in Seguin.
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mittenthal of North Fifteenth street are on a Christmas visit to Hillsboro.
Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Evans are down from Dallas, for Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Evans, West Columbus.
Miss Thelma Shusterman of Austin, present guest of Mrs. Jack Sanger of Howard street, is a recent visitor to Mexlin.
The W. L. Crosthwaite home is today entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Goddard from Holland with Dr. Hoke and mother, Mrs. Hoke, from Hubbard City.
Miss Clara Oberlander of Franklin street, is at home from Ursuline academy, Dallas, for the holidays.
Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Meador of Provident Heights are taking Christmas dinner in Dallas.
Mrs. Summer Oaks of North Ninth street, is on a holiday visit to her daughter in Dallas.
Mrs. L. O. Godley of Garland is the guest of her mother, Mrs. W. B. Pearson, North Eighteenth street.
On Sunday the Misses Davis and Alexander arrive from San Antonio to be the guests of Miss Hazel Davidson of Washington street.
Miss Annie Cammack of North Fifteenth street, with her sister, Mrs. R. L. Leonard of Memphis, is due from Houston on Sunday.
Mrs. W. W. Early of Bell's Hill left for Austin on Friday.
After Sunday Miss Dorothy Duncan of Fort Worth will be the guest of Miss Elizabeth Culver, Austin avenue.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pool are down from Grandview for the holidays with Mrs. Pool's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Morrow, Highland Place.
Dr. and Mrs. Biggs came down from West for Christmas dinner with Mr.

Greetings

To Our Friends—

Who are everybody—we wish a Merry Christmas. May all the joys of the season and every good cheer abide with you and yours.

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December 25, 1915

and Mrs. A. C. Patton, Austin avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley of West were down for the Smith-Searcy dance on Thursday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Curtis arrived from San Angelo on Friday. They are guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Wilson, Seventeenth and Morrow.

ONE OUT OF NINE DIES IN INFANCY.

Health Commission of Chicago Makes a Startling Report.
One child out of every nine born last year in Chicago died within 12 months from the date of birth.
This report, which John Dill Robert-

son, Health Commissioner, characterizes as startling, was made to Mayor Thompson recently by the health commissioner for submission to the Chicago Medical society.

Other information of importance to the medical fraternity, as well as the citizens of Chicago, was embodied in the report. In submitting it to the Chicago Medical society, Mayor Thompson urged that physician be assigned to each public school in Chicago. At present one doctor has to take care of the pupils of four schools.

The mayor said also he would recommend open-air schools for the accommodation of 7500 pupils afflicted with tuberculosis. At present there are accommodations for only 500. The other

7000 are compelled to mingle with the healthy pupils.

The mayor, acting on the report of the health commissioner, recommended more playgrounds, which would result in fewer jails. He urged also more prevention of disease, which will mean fewer almshouses, asylums and hospitals. —Chicago Post.

Notice.

Saturday, December 25, 1915, Christmas Day, being a legal holiday, the banks composing the Waco Clearing House association will be closed.
(Adv.) C. M. VIVRETT, Mar.
Pekin is rigidly regulating automobiles.

A Merry Christmas!

'Tis Christmas Time—the bright and happy season, when all the world looks beautiful.

We're printing this to let you know that our best wishes are added to those you have already received, and we trust this will be the jolliest Christmas that you have ever known.

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ment.A WARNING THAT MUST BE
HEEDED.That warning issued by Surgeon
General Blue of the federal public
health service to the effect that every
precaution be employed all along the
Mexican border to prevent the intro-
duction of typhus carriers from Mex-
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the disease, would probably be harder
hit than any of the other border states
by reason of the very large Mexican
population here, which, in the condi-
tions in which many of the lower type
of Mexicans live, will be rendered very
susceptible to diseases of this char-
acter.It is reported that thirteen members
of the American and English colonies
in Mexico City have contracted the
malady, and other cases are said to
exist in other foreign colonies in the
capital. Three cases are reported in
Laredo, Texas, and thirteen in Nuevo
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ised to co-operate with American offi-
cials in keeping out the disease car-
riers, and there should be exercised the
utmost diligence everywhere to the end
that the disease is not extended to
this state or country and that it is
stamped out in Mexico just as rapidly
as possible.We have not heard from Governor
Campbell as yet as to his political
plans for 1916 but we have every rea-
son to believe that he was waiting
for a consultation with the white-hair-
ed democratic donkey, which he won
at the Y. M. B. L. banquet to the
public servants of the state in this
city November 19, before announcing
definitely what he would do. Now
that this unfailing oracle has gone
forward to Palestine by express so as
to reach the ex-governor on Christmas
day we shall expect an important pro-
nouncement from the Anderson county
capital within the next few days.Our Christmas congratulations to
Lamb county, out in the Panhandle
section. The grand jury met the other
day but there was nothing for it to
consider. District court convened at
Littlefield, the county seat, but there
were no cases, either criminal or civil,
to claim the attention of the court,
and that body remained in session only
an hour. The county is free from debt
and has \$12,000 in the bank. Some of
the students of efficient government
might pay Lamb county a visit.Daniel Oppenheimer, banker and phi-
lanthropist of San Antonio, who died
December 7, can not be accused of
playing favorites in his benefactions.
He left \$1,000 to the Montefiore Be-
nevolent Society of San Antonio, \$250
to the Protestant Orphans' Home of
that city, a similar amount to St.
John's Catholic Orphans' Home, and
\$500 for the Jewish Orphan Asylum
of Cleveland, Ohio.In no city in the state were the
news, messenger and other working
boys cared for quite so liberally as
they were in Waco and the Rotarians
and others who made this large pleas-
ure possible for the youngsters will
find that it was an investment that
will bring larger returns than if made
in stocks and bonds or other forms of
trade.SAVE THE TREES. ELIMINATE
THE SPEEDING.We hope the members of the city
commission will rescind their action
in asking the park board to cut down
certain shade trees in Cameron park
and Riverside Driveway in order to
eliminate danger from accidents. The
roadways, both through the park and
along Riverside Driveway, are of suf-
ficient width and sufficiently free
from obstacles of all character to eli-
minate accidents, or at least reduce
them to the minimum, if there is care-
ful driving, and the accidents in which
the trees have figured in the past have
been due more to speeding on the
part of the drivers and the fact that
amateurs were trying to handle cars
than to the fact that the trees con-
stitute an obstacle.There is no danger from the trees
if persons drive at a moderate speed
and surely there is no occasion for
anything else than a moderate speed
in places dedicated to the pleasure of
our people. There is danger in speed-
ing and reckless driving, no matter
whether there are any trees in the
middle of the wide roadways or not,
and these trees should be left undis-
turbed in the hope that they will prove
and with the chance that driving care-
fully in the vicinity of the trees they
will warn to auto drivers at all times
will unconsciously, if not otherwise,
learn to be careful everywhere.Liberal citizens have contributed
Cameron Park and the Rotan Riverside
Driveway for the pleasure of all the
people. The trees are a physical and
an aesthetic contribution to the hap-
piness of the people, and we do not
think they should be eliminated for
the sake of making speeding less haz-
ardous. The park and driveway were
never intended for a race course nor
as the scene of reckless joy-riding and
a little more emphasis upon the en-
forcement of the speed laws, locking
up some of the frequent offenders in
jail for a season rather than letting
them off with a small fine which they
can easily pay, will have a much more
salutary effect and save many more
lives than cutting down the trees and
inviting the speeders to "speed it up"
to their heart's content.

ILL-CONSIDERED LAWS.

When an eminent United States sen-
ator confessed the other day that in
a long experience as legislator, state
and national, he had never understood
the purport of more than one-tenth
of the laws in regard to which he had
cast his vote, he only admitted pub-
licly what any honest legislator would
admit confidentially, says the San An-
tonio Light.Half-baked laws are our national
falling. Every now and then one of
them works so absurdly as to draw
attention to the practice of law-makers
in grinding out regulations without
sufficient consideration.Up in Boston an ordinance was pro-
posed, recently, to prevent all "unnec-
essary noise" in the neighborhood of
hospitals. Such a law is very proper
and should receive the support, of
course, of all good people. But the
city councilmen did not consider their
language as carefully as they might
have, with the result that the ordi-
nance defined as "noise" the sound of
motor horns and cut-out mufflers, the
cries of street peddlers and the play-
ing of musical instruments.The unintended "joker" lies in the
last-named. It is clear enough to the
layman what the councilmen meant—it
was their intention to prevent street
bands, hand organs and street pianos
from playing within the prescribed
distance, which was stated as "within
one hundred yards of any hospital or
other institution for the care of the
sick." But they did not provide that
the "unnecessary noise" should be out
of doors. Clearly, under the wording
of the law, it would be unlawful to
make any musical noises within a hun-
dred feet of a hospital, either indoors
or out.Suddenly it occurred to some one
that the stage of Symphony Hall, in
which some of the greatest concerts
in America are given, is within one
hundred feet of a hospital wing. Of
course the sound of a concert within
the hall cannot be heard in the hos-
pital, but the law doesn't say anything
about that. It doesn't provide that the
noise must not disturb someone; mere-
ly that it must not be heard.In this case it happens that some-
body observed the absurdity before the
ordinance had passed its last reading,
and an amendment was introduced to
rectify it. In most cases these things
are not observed until some shrewd
lawyer calls the attention of a court
to them—and then they are buried
into the waste basket by judicial de-
cree.Suppose this particular piece of half-
baked legislation had continued half-
baked and reached the dignity of es-
tablished law. How horrified the mu-
sical people of Beacon street and Com-
monwealth avenue would have felt had
the promoters of the Symphony con-
certs been arrested for making "un-
necessary noise," all the more so as
the charge might seem true to some
scoffers if the arrests happened to be
made on a Wagner night.A Lofty Message for
the Day We CelebrateThe editor of the Morning News does
not desire to speak of himself through
the columns of this paper, nor of any
of his personal affairs, but this year,
as in other years, we have had the
privilege of receiving Christmas greet-
ings from a very dear friend which
we treasure so highly and in which
the loftier sentiments surrounding the
Christmas season are so admirably ex-
pressed that we feel we would like to
publish the message in the hope that
it will prove an inspiration to others,
as it has to us.As will be readily recognized upon
reading this holiday greeting, the au-
thor is a man of keen spiritual dis-
cernment, one in whose life the spiri-
tual note is predominant, and it is
for this reason largely that we feel
impressed to pass his letter on to
others, for so much that is not en-
nobling and uplifting has crept into
our modern observance of Christmas
that it is well that we pause on this
splendid morning and ponder for
awhile the original and deeper and
finer meaning of the day.So it is with the hope that this kind-
ly message from a man who has not
suffered material things to obscure his
spiritual vision may prove an inspira-
tion to all who read as it has to this
editor that we are reproducing it as
follows:"Because I am your friend, let me
on the return of the happy Christmas
and New Year season, send you the
kindest greetings of friendship, with
every best wish for your highest hap-
piness and usefulness, always.""As we pass through these lingering
hours of the Old Year and begin the
New, let us devoutly pray that thespirit of the angel's song—"On earth
peace, good will toward men"—may
soon become so regnant in all the vast
family of humanity, that the nations
will beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks,
and war will cease from the world for-
ever."For you, as for myself, I would
breathe the earnest prayer that you
may ever remember what life is for,
and be utterly unwilling to turn aside
into the by-paths of ease and self-
seeking. May your vision of duty be
clear, and your purpose steadfast, to
know the exquisite happiness of help-
ing all the people you can, being high-
ly resolved not to waste any gift of
life on profitless things. May you live
always for the best things, rather than
the second best. May you be given the
seeing eye, the hearing ear, the under-
standing heart, that you may not miss
the deeper, larger, more vital things
of life, and may escape, the little, the
narrow, the mean and the foolish.
Whatever the pain that may pierce
your heart, may you always be able to
trace the rainbow through the rain.
May you bring the power of an endless
life to bear upon the motives and deeds
of the earthly life, so that the little
things of time shall be made great
and be invested with eternal impor-
tance. May you ever implicitly trust
Him who embodies and interprets the
everlasting mysteries and Who is Him-
self the light and wisdom and refuge
of mankind. And at the end of the
earthly day may He turn the blind
alley of death into a thoroughfare that
leads not to twilight but to the dawn
of the Eternal Homeland."

"G. W. TRUETT."

WILL IT BE A "RED CHRISTMAS?"

The Houston Post has a very vital
Christmas message in the following
editorial:"There is nothing gratifying in the
prospect of a 'red Christmas.' The
dispatches at this season of the year
bring scores of horrifying tales of pas-
sion and homicide. Just why human-
ity should select the Christmas sea-
son above all others for the spilling
of blood is one of those mysteries that
defy understanding.""Apparently, hundreds of people fail
entirely to grasp the significance of
Christmas. They seem to think it a
time for bestiality, drunkenness, mur-
der and pillage, and it is anything but
that. It is a time set apart to cele-
brate in a becoming way what the
Christian world regards the greatest
event since the dawn of creation. It
is a time for happiness, but bestiality
is not happiness. It is a time for good
cheer, but murder is not good cheer.
It is a time for self-examination, but
rowdism and dissipation are not self-
examination. It is a time for a mani-
festation of the diviner qualities of our
nature, but selfishness, brutality, in-
gratitude, possess no element of di-
vinity.""Many years ago, a movement was
started in the United States to di-
minish the perils of the Fourth of July,
and we have seen year by year a les-
sening number of casualties until now
we may almost say that the country
enjoys a 'safe and sane Fourth.'""Why can not the people of the
United States, especially those of the
South, make some serious endeavor to
have a sober and bloodless Christmas?
Christmas can be enjoyed without
drunkenness and anger. We can catch
its true spirit in doing good, in spend-
ing a quiet day in the family circle,
or in listening to the beautiful music
which proclaims the anniversary of the
Christ.""It is a time for peace and good
will, not for anger and brutality. It
is a time for love and generosity, not
for hate and vengeance. The South has
been annually disgraced by bloodlet-
ting during the Christmas season and
we fear we shall have much of it this
time. But would it not be a good idea
to begin in the coming year a move-
ment having for its object a bloodless
and sober Christmas?"Just a little of the breath of Old
Boreas to give a real zest to the Christ-
mas appetite today.The saddest Christmas story we have
read in years was that of the failure
of the Pittsburg bank for savings in
which 40,000 children of that city had
savings to the extent of \$167,138.68
deposited to their credit.To its readers, its advertisers, its
agents, its correspondents, its news-
boys and all persons in general the
Morning News extends its felicitations
on this glad Christmas morning and
expresses the hope that the season
may have in store nothing but unal-
loyed happiness for all.Santa Claus' whiskers were burned
at San Angelo the other night but a
little thing like that did not hinder
the good old fellow from arriving in
Waco on time last night. We have an
idea that so good a man as he would
be favored by a special dispensation
from nature that would grow him a
new beard in a few hours.Truck growers of Southwest Texas
are planning to plant exceptionally
large acreages to cucumbers next year,
announce the press dispatches. Evi-
dently an effort to supply the demand
for pickles, now that the increase of
prohibition territory in that section will
greatly reduce the number of persons
who have been in the habit of getting
pickled heretofore.

DROPPING THE NEGRO.

When the national republican con-
vention meets at Chicago June 7 it will
be with the smallest negro represen-
tation since the race was enfranchised,
declares the New Orleans States.Heretofore, though the South has
always been solidly democratic in
presidential elections and the republi-
can vote negligible, in republican na-
tional conventions its vote has been
potent. Often it has been the balance
of power. Sometimes its vote has been
bought up and used to clinch a can-
didacy. Mark Hanna turned the trick
one year. Mr. Roosevelt's friends tried
to do it in the convention of 1912 and
all but succeeded.But instead of following the old rule
of basing representation on congress-
ional membership, giving each state
double the number of its senators and
representatives, the convention next
June will have four delegates from
each state, twice the number of sena-
tors, one from each congressional dis-
trict and an additional delegate from
each district in which the republican
vote in 1914 exceeded 7,500. Louisiana
will have twelve instead of twenty
delegates, since the republican vote of
the whole state is considerably less
than 7,500, and most of the southern
states will be deprived of "additional"
delegates.The total membership of the con-
vention will be ninety less than four
years ago, and nearly the entire loss
will be in the south. The reason for
this remarkable change in the atti-
tude of the party toward the negro in
the South is the conviction of the re-
publican leaders that its delegations
are either susceptible to control by the
national administration or amenable
to corrupt influences."Such an indictment of a race by
a political machine which still cher-
ishes the memory of Quay and Hanna
need not now be discussed," says the
New York World. "What is more to
the point is that an organization call-
ing itself the republican party wipes
out in its own behalf the Fifteenth
Amendment, which the supreme court
of the United States, presided over
by a former Confederate soldier, re-
cently reaffirmed. Even more signifi-
cant is the fact that in normal times
there are half a dozen great northern
states in which the republican party
would be in a hopeless minority ex-
cept for the negro vote."Mr. Roosevelt, because his friends
could not corrupt the Southern negro
delegates four years ago, denied the
validity of the nomination of Mr. Taft,
bolted the republican party, turned
progressive and beat both himself and
Mr. Taft. Is the action of the national
committee to be construed as a sur-
render to Mr. Roosevelt, presaging his
return to the fold?The loss of British officers and men
in the Dardanelles up to December 11
amounted to 112,921. This is an aw-
ful slaughter of men, yet if the Eng-
lish had succeeded in accomplishing the
object of their campaign the loss would
not have appeared so great. The pros-
pect of the campaign was splendid
enough when it was undertaken, but
somehow the allies were unable to de-
liver the goods.While the American Suffrage asso-
ciation did not declare itself very ex-
plicitly on the president's program of
preparedness, the fact that that or-
ganization elected Mrs. Carrie Chap-
man Catt as its head for another year
indicates that the women are willing
to fight if it becomes necessary.If you have still failed to find any
way of becoming a Good Fellow in-
vite some poor boy or girl to your
home for dinner today, or if your im-
pulses are generous enough, send a
dinner to a whole family, or a load of
wood or coal.WALK-OVER
BOOT SHOPAt this our second Yuletide in Waco, we extend to our
fellow merchants, patrons, friends and to all the season's
most hearty greetings.We know of nothing that would give us greater joy than
to have some share in fulfilling for you the old, old wish,
"A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year."

Walk-Over Boot Shop

E. A. MILLER H. L. DAVIS
C. H. WAKEFIELDXmas
Greetings!

May You Have the Best Christmas Ever.

Geo. H. McFadden
& Bros. Agency

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The
Manhattan CafeExtends to you all a Merry Christmas.
Special Christmas Dinner Today

Manhattan Cafe

115-17 South Sixth Street

QUIET HONEYMOON FOR PRESIDENT AND BRIDE AT HOT SPRINGS



President and Mrs. Wilson; hotel and golf links where they are enjoying honeymoon.

President Wilson and his bride are spending a very quiet honeymoon at Hot Springs, Va. They occupy a suite of four rooms on the third floor of the hotel seen in the photograph.

POLICE BLOTTER
RECORDS ORDERLY
CHRISTMAS EVE

The quietest Christmas eve for many years passed over the heads of the thankful police of Waco last night. The calaboose register at the city hall at midnight last night showed that 58 persons had been arrested during the day. Of these, 39 were brought in between the hours of 7 p. m. and midnight.

Opposite the names on the book were mostly terms describing offenses of mild character, in only a few instances did a super-abundance of booze and holiday spirit work upon a few negroes and Mexicans to create a serious disturbance against the peace and order of the law. Included in this latter classification were several cutting scrapes, which kept City Physician M. D. Baker in the emergency hospital patching up the participants. Five arrests were made for discharging fireworks.

"Considering everything, it has been a remarkably orderly Christmas eve," was the comment of Chief McNamara, who with a majority of the day force of police was on duty until the crowds had left the streets last night. "We are confident that the people enjoyed themselves as much as on other Christmas-masses," continued the chief, "and we are very much obliged for their good conduct as a whole."

Object of Suspicion.
Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas used to tell this one on himself:
"I had an appointment to speak at a town in Eastern Arkansas on a Saturday, and I arrived on a late train the night before, carrying nothing but a small hand grip. I went to a hotel near the depot. There was no one on duty at the hour, except the night porter, general overseer. I registered, and he showed me to a room; but in a few minutes he came back and said:
"Boss, my 'struck' is, when a gentleman haven't any baggage, to collect in advance."
"Why, I've got baggage," I replied, pointing to the little grip.
"I know, sir, boss," he said; "but you've stayed too long on that little grip already." — Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Only One "BROMO QUININE."
To get the genuine, call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. 25c.

Christmas Crowds Make
Merry on Austin Avenue

What would Christmas eve night be without noise? Ask the small boy and he will tell you, "Twouldn't be." Despite the anti-fireworks crusade, the caution of state fire departments, the decrees of mayors and the anathemas of dyspeptic elderly persons on the heads of small boys, Christmas eve night was a hubbub of boisterousness, a pandemonium of cow-bells and a Bedlam of noise downtown. Austin avenue was in an old fashioned mood last night.

Dame nature provided no snow for the occasion, so human nature provided it. There was confetti so thick that kiddies shovelled it off the walks and had just as much fun as if they bought it at five cents for two packs. A careful estimate puts about five-sixths of every sackful used for shoving into the faces of merry maids all dolled up in winter furs. The other fractional part was divided between old maids and the masculine sex. These received an insignificant part of the man-made snow.

Practically every instrument imaginable was used to contribute to the deafening noise from a Ford with the muffler off to pretty girls with sportive mufflers on. Withal there was plenty of bright lights—red fire, brilliant windows and the light which is found on neither land nor sea but only in the eyes of a beaming maid.

Crowds pressed, jammed, stepped on each other's toes; swirled, tacked, milled, bumped each other's shoulders;

slipped, slid, scooted, pile drove on each other's bunions, but withal mostly laughed and took the situation good naturedly.

The "mostly" is necessary for accuracy because of a negligible quantity contributing to the human current that resented the opposition found in the mill-race. Among the snags that the human current encountered were sundry small boys of the bare-legged-in-December type whose chief delight consisted in tapping innocent persons in the stream on their off shoulders and seeing them look around. In place of the welcoming friend whom they expected to greet, was the grinning small boy. The game worked fine—except occasionally. The exceptions account for the "mostly."

Autos made a circular track out of Austin avenue with Eighth street and the square as the end turns. Contributing to their quota of noise, the autos dragged everything along on the pavement from a cow-bell to a wash-tub.

Fire crackers and miniature torpedoes fired under the feet of pedestrians were accentuated by the screams from the startled owners of the feet around which they exploded. Mingled with the teeming crowds were a number of young women en masque.

The noise and hilarity in all of its multiple forms was but the expression of a single impulse—crowds surcharged with the Christmas-thrill—the jubilant feeling that dates a long, long time back for its source.

Joint Christmas
Service for Negroes

Negroes of the city will meet for a joint assembly of the various denominations for a service at the St. Paul's A. M. E. church, Second and Webster streets, at 11:30. The service will be under the auspices of the interdenominational ministerial association and Rev. A. G. Wallace, pastor of the North Eighth Street Baptist church, will do the preaching. Rev. W. D. Miller is pastor of the St. Paul's church.

Christmas cheer will be carried into the homes of the needy negroes in the form of food during the afternoon when the negro church members will meet to distribute their offerings.

A woman is the patentee of appliances with which fruit and vegetables can be canned in jars in ordinary wash boilers.

Fulton's Manager
Scoffs at Story
Regarding Bout

By The Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Mike Collins, manager of Fred Fulton, said "Probably a dream," when given the New Orleans story that Frank Moran had been substituted for Fulton as Jess Willard's opponent in the fight scheduled for March 4 at New Orleans.

"We have signed airtight articles and posted guarantees," said Collins. "Willard put up \$2,500 and Fulton the same amount and the money is in the hands of Tom Andrews of Milwaukee. I don't believe there is the faintest basis for the story."

Tinners and Roofers, any kind. Torbett & Germond Company, Fourteenth and Franklin streets. Both phones.—Adv.

RUBY LEE SORRELS
GETS SHETLAND PONY
GIVEN BY SANGERS

Miss Ruby Lee Sorrels, aged 8, 503 South Fifteenth street, is one of the happiest little girls in a whole cityful made happy by one of the naippiest Christmas presents that ever came to Waco. A messenger boy rode up to the gate at Ruby Lee's house last night and delivered a message addressed to Ruby Lee herself. When she opened it, Ruby Lee found that she was the lucky little girl who was the owner of "Santie," the beautiful little Shetland pony given away this Christmas by Sanger Brothers.

Ownership of the pony will be transferred to Ruby Lee at the Sanger store at 9 o'clock this morning. From then on the beautiful pony will be her very own. A beautiful saddle, blanket and bridle accompanies the pony.

The three-dollar Erector set offered by Sanger Brothers goes to Milton Preves, 7 years old.

George Hamilton, 2 years old, receives the \$2 Erector set.

Minnie Tompkins, aged 3, receives the \$1 set of Grove Anchor blocks.

Jack Haddock, 10 years old, rural route 3, receives a \$1 toy. Judges who made the awards last night were President W. W. Naman of the Young Men's Business League; Editor George Robinson of the Times-Herald; Postmaster W. H. Hoffmann; Editor A. R. McCollum of the Tribune, and General Manager Harry M. Baine of the Morning News.

College Stars Meet
Y. M. C. A. Basketball
Team Thursday Night

Lovers of fast basketball will be treated to a hard-fought exhibition next Thursday night at the Y. M. C. A. if pending arrangements are satisfactorily completed. It is planned to have the regular Y. M. C. A. representative team meet a picked five from among the University of Texas boys now home for the holidays.

Clitus Jones, well known in Waco as a basketball star, and attending State at present, is manager of the team, and promises to have his men in first-class condition by next week. Physical Director Conway has granted the college men use of the gymnasium floor every morning. In order that they may be able to develop teamwork and machine-like play. However, the men are all trained athletes and ardent enthusiasts of the game, so it is expected that they will get together rapidly and present a formidable lineup. As only four State boys will play, namely, "Pete" Edmond, Ned Boynton, Baker Duncan and Clitus Jones, it will be necessary to select the fifth man from among three other colleges—"Babe" Gribble, Austin college; Jim Kendrick, A. & M., and George Minnier, A. & M.

E. A. Miller of the Walker-Over Shoe company is coaching the team this year in place of Director Conway, whose many other duties connected with the association make it impossible for him to devote the proper attention to the team. It will be remembered that the "Y" quintet had a very successful season last year, defeating several college aggregations and other fives without the loss of a single contest. This year much new material has come out, indicating that the locals will be far stronger than formerly. The team has been practicing faithfully for several weeks, and although Coach Miller has not definitely decided upon all the positions, Y. M. C. A. supporters feel sure of their ability to lay the "Rah Rah" boys low.

Frank Moran May
Meet Jess Willard
Instead of Fulton

By The Associated Press.

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—Local fight promoters who had arranged for a 20-round bout for the world's heavyweight championship here on March 4 between Jess Willard, the titleholder, and Fred Fulton of Rochester, Minn., announced tonight that Frank Moran of Pittsburgh probably would be substituted for Fulton.

A telegram was sent tonight to Tom Jones, Willard's manager, advising him to have Jack Curley of New York sign Moran for the fight.

Cross Country Run
Takes Place Today

Much interest has developed in the Y. M. C. A. cross country run which takes place this morning, seventeen contestants having entered. The start will be at 9 o'clock this morning from in front of the "Y" building, the course being over 3.5 miles, the finish being staged in front of the "Y" building again.

Cups for first and second place are offered, the Times-Herald contributing that for first place, W. A. Holt that for second place. The runners will be followed by D. F. Beaman, J. A. Harrison, Louis Crow and J. E. Fisher in autos, to pick up any who become exhausted, although all will be examined for their physical fitness before the race begins.

Each runner will wear his number pinned on the back of his suit. The entries, with their numbers, are as follows:

E. J. Coffelt, 4; Sam Goldberg, 6; A. C. Pickett, 7; John Whitworth, 8; R. S. P. McCall, 10; E. C. Mitchell, 20; E. Oates, 25; E. W. Austermeuble, 38; Davis Hill, 40; N. E. James, 44; D. R. Carnahan, 47; D. W. Hightower, 49; O. H. Gibson, 50; H. E. James, 53; C. A. Dutton, 59.

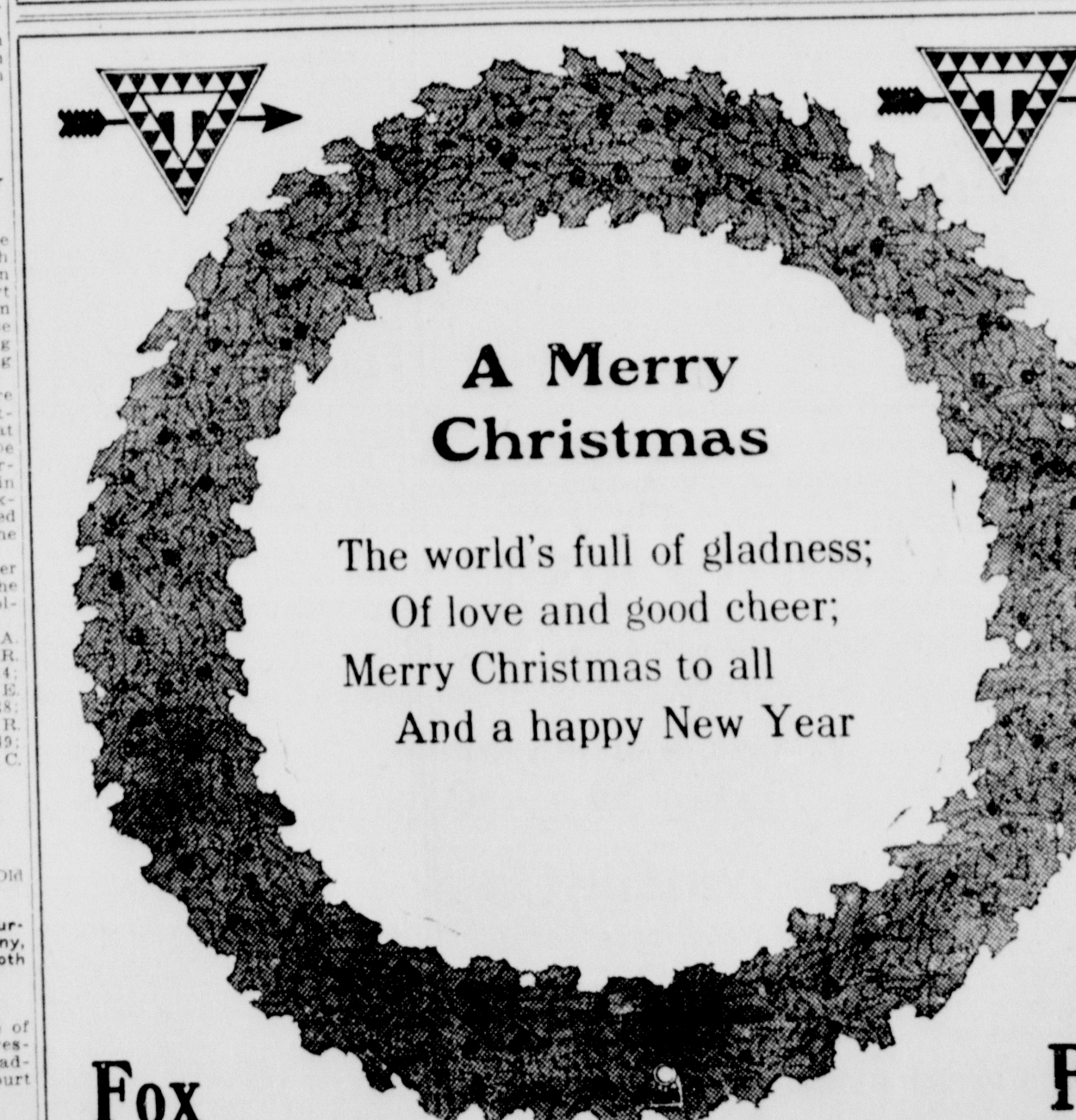
Too Late to Classify

LOST—Pink cameo ring. Reward. Old phone 315. New phone 2072.

See that Gas Burning Hot Air Furnace at Torbett & Germond Company, Fourteenth and Franklin streets. Both phones.—(Adv.)

Downsville Couple Wed.
Guy Smith and Miss Bessie Case of Downsville were married at 5:30 yesterday afternoon by Justice J. J. Padgett at his office in the county court house.

Merchandise and treasure valued at \$66,500,000 moved between Alaska and the United States in 1914.



The Fashion Bazar

Wishes you a merry Christmas
and a happy and prosperous New Year

Fox

Fox

A Merry, Merry Xmas!

AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

Crow Bros.

Steam Laundry

EXCITING SCENES AT CLOSE OF BIG MERCHANT CONTEST

There were exciting scenes around the big Goldstein-Migel store last night before the closing of the merchants' contest at 9 o'clock. The rapidity of the voting during the last two hours of the contest was a surprise even to the experienced managers in charge of the contest. Within two hours previous to the closing, the ballot boxes, each containing two bushels of votes, were filled four times.

During the last half hour five boxes were placed on the lower floor and these were all filled at 9 o'clock when the contest was closed. So intense was the voting that when the contest managers placed the seals on the ballot boxes at exactly 9 o'clock, the fingers of one of the contestants who was intently stuffing ballots into the already filled box, was caught under the seal.

Counting of the ballots has been proceeding throughout the contest, a battery of adding machines being in constant operation. The final votes cast last night, however, were sealed in the boxes and will only be opened in the presence of the judges. There remains yet about ten bushels of votes to be counted, which operation will require considerable time. The contest manager is hopeful of completing the count in time for announcement in the Morning News Sunday morning.

There was no way of estimating the number of votes cast in the contest last night, and absolutely no way of determining the probable winners. These will only be known when the count is completed probably tonight. Judges who will act in the contest are E. P. Drake, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; H. Hagedorn, Jr., secretary of the Young Men's Business League; Sheriff S. S. Fleming; City Commissioner John Dollins; Harry M. Baker, active vice president and general manager of the Morning News; J. M. Pittillo, manager of the Tribune, and C. J. Glover, manager of the Times-Herald.

Self Defense Is Claim of Negro Who Killed Another

Self defense is claimed by "Rut," alias Richard Trotter, negro, brought into the county jail last night by Deputy Sheriff John Steinbeck of Bosqueville, on a charge of having killed Amos Crane, negro, on J. B. Johnson's place near Bosqueville, about 3 o'clock yesterday morning.

The two negroes had been raised together, both having been young men. Trotter claims that a dispute arose and that Crane was attacking him at the time of the killing. Crane died from a stab wound in the neck. Trotter has a deep gash in his hand.

Y. M. C. A. Bowlers to Roll for Turkey on New Year's Day

Y. M. C. A. bowlers will indulge in a turkey contest New Year's day and it is expected that a large number will participate. Not only will a turkey be given for first place, but a duck will be awarded to the man rolling the highest score and a hen to the man getting third place.

Employees Remember County Clerk Baker

Employees in the office of County Clerk John W. Baker clubbed together and yesterday presented their employer with a fine bath robe, pair of warm slippers and a handsome silk muffler. Mr. Baker has remembered each of them in his usual generous manner. He has been sick with la grippe for several days, and the presents from "the help" were doubly welcome on account of their timeliness.

PERSONAL MENTION.

C. H. Hull, with the Santa Fe, is in Temple for a few days.

Dr. Marvin Graves of the State Medical school at Galveston is in the city today.

A. J. May, with the local I. & G. N. ticket office, is spending the holidays in San Antonio.

R. M. Bain, for years prominent in cotton circles here, is up from Galveston for the holidays.

M. B. Shaffer, city ticket agent of the Katy, is with his people in Bastrop for the holiday festivities.

T. M. Gaunt, city ticket agent of the Santa Fe, is spending the holidays with his home folks in Athens.

Berry Brazelton is down from Stamford for a Christmas visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Brazelton, 1503 Austin.

Miss Maylewis Barnes is visiting her parents in Lorena for the holidays from her studies at Southwestern university, Georgetown.

Dr. and Mrs. Jere H. Murphey and Miss Maude Murphey of Abilene are guests in the home of Dr. J. M. Murphey, 3105 Homan avenue.

Prof. J. R. Potest, principal of the South Third street school, with Mrs. Potest and their daughter, Miss Dora, are spending the holidays in Cameron with Mrs. Potest's mother, Mrs. J. B. Moore. Mr. Potest will visit his parents in Salado before his return.

Former Mayor Robert F. Milam of Fort Worth, who was a candidate for congress in the last elections, is spending the holidays with his brother, J. R. Milam, Twelfth and Jefferson. C. A. Milam and E. A. Milam, two other brothers, both of Glen Rose, are also visiting Mr. Milam.

Local Cotton Receipts.

Only forty bales of cotton were received in Waco yesterday, according to figures compiled by Public Weigher Sam Nix. Most of the cotton brought in was of inferior grade, bringing the minimum price of 16.25, although 11.75 was offered for the higher grades. Basis middling was quoted at 11.50.

Baby Son Born.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Martin, South Twelfth street, are the happy parents of a fine boy born yesterday.

Do You Suffer With Rheumatism? If so, try Elmer & Amend's 2831 and get relief. Thousands speak well of it. Reliable druggists carry it.

A Merry Christmas

"God rest ye, merry gentlemen;
Let nothing you dismay,
For Christ our Lord and Savior
Was born on Christmas Day."

Old English Song.

Waco Trunk Factory

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A Merry Xmas

And a Happy and Prosperous
New Year.

J. C. Crippen & Sons

A Merry Xmas

May Christmas be a joyful day,
Joys of the very best,
And through the year we hope you may
Have Good Luck as your guest.

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Thanks for Your Generous Patronage During 1915

—For the orders, the remittances, the kind words, the criticisms—I am grateful for them all. Each and every one has done me good.

I am stronger for the part you have played in my prosperity, and know if I have served you well in the past I will serve you still better in 1916.

I am ambitious not alone for myself, but for my patrons as well. It is only by making good for you that I can make good for myself. In that spirit I solicit your continued patronage.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year—I sincerely wish it for you.

Little Frenchman's Dye Works

A. FRIEDMAN, Prop.

Holidays Bring Busy Times for United Charities

The United Charities, under the direction of Secretary William Lampdin, has been busy this week distributing needed clothing and fuel to families and individuals in absolute need. The secretary reports that people have been very generous in sending in discarded clothing to be given out and this has been done to the best of advantage after investigation in each case. He says that shoes are particularly needed and will be glad to receive shoes.

The King's Daughters have also been busy in charity work during the week. Joining in with the forces that are making Christmas mean something to the people who would go empty handed without assistance, the Boy Scouts will carry things to please the kiddies and others. The Scouts have been arranging their gifts and securing the names of persons who should be visited.

Turkey Dinner for Prisoners in County Jail

Following his custom since he has been in office, Sheriff S. S. Fleming will give the prisoners in the county jail a turkey dinner today. All the accoutrements and accessories necessary for a full-fledged Christmas dinner will be provided by the generous sheriff.

Russell Kingsbury Announces Candidacy for City Recorder

Russell H. Kingsbury, member of the local bar for a number of years, has made it known to his friends that he will be in the race for the democratic nomination for city recorder in the primary in February, and he expects to make an active campaign in that direction, beginning soon after the New Year. He will issue a formal statement of his candidacy within a short time.

Elks to Dispense Charity New Years

The afternoon of the first day of the New Year has been chosen by the Elks as the time for the distribution of substantial gifts to the needy poor of the city. These packages will consist of food of the character that satisfies a hungry stomach. Coming at the time when most of the generous hearted organizations of the city have already dispensed their charities, the food will be especially welcome. The committee in charge of the distribution consists of W. B. Knight, Charles Robinson and W. A. Holt.

Members of the committee are now busy securing the names of people to whom such packages would be welcome and in order. On the afternoon of January 1 these packages of substantial gifts will be given out to those who have tickets.

We Thank You

For the welcome given the Cash Mercantile Company Stores from the beginning.

Wishing you one and all a Merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year—

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24 STORES IN WACO.

A Merry Xmas

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A Merry Xmas

At Christmas-tide the open hand
Scatters its bounty o'er sea and land,
And none are left to grieve alone,
For love is heaven and claims its own.
—Margaret Sangster.

Herrick Hardware Co.

SALVATION ARMY GIVES XMAS DINNERS TO 750

BASKETS DISTRIBUTED AT DEPOT
ON SOUTH FOURTH ST. TO
150 FAMILIES.

Christmas Tree for Children in City
Hall Blue Room Tonight—Many
Cases of Actual Need.

Seven hundred and fifty people are happy if a Christmas dinner in a poor home is productive of joy—and it has never been known to fail yet. The dinners were made possible by the generosity of the people of Waco through the Salvation Army.

Some hundred and fifty baskets were distributed to families, which averaged about five persons each. The largest family to receive a basket contained thirteen members and in a few instances baskets were given to individuals—the size of the dinners were proportioned accordingly. Each basket contained something like the following: Small sack flour, can of tomatoes, can of corn, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, package of coffee, sack of rice, sugar, apples, oranges, bread, box of crackers, together with a chicken—the larger fowls going to the larger families.

Four hours yesterday men, women and children crowded in front of the distribution depot on South Fourth street and eagerly waited for their turn to present the ticket which had been given them. Each ticket was numbered and it had a corresponding number on a basket. Captain F. O. Burdick with his assistants had carefully investigated the cases before hand and that was necessary yesterday to present the ticket and get the fundamentals for a Christmas dinner. A genial policeman stood with arms across the doorway and prevented from pressing in and congesting the room with its long lines of baskets.

Back of the dinner were the pennies, nickels, dimes and dollars that were dropped by a generous public into the Christmas pots of the Salvation Army placed on various corners in the business district.

A Christmas tree for the poor children will be held tonight in the Blue Room of the city hall by the Salvation Army, and there will be fruits, goodies and toys to delight the youngsters.

Captain Burdick adopted the plan of giving out baskets for the homes, instead of the plan of a big feed at the Army headquarters as held last year, because he reasoned that Christmas was a time when folks like to eat their dinner around their own dinner table—humble, though it be. He expressed himself as being pleased with the response of the public in contributing through the pot plan.

In addition to the dinners, and the tree tonight, there are many calls for charity that must be considered by the Army people and some of the funds will be retained—if there are any left over—to take care of these cases. According to the captain's statement, there are a number of instances of unemployment that need aid. He said that he had helped a few cases by giving several work in connection with the preparations for the dinner.

Given a suspended sentence on a charge of forgery, C. H. Meyers is again under arrest on a similar charge. With two other men who had suspended sentences, Meyers was being taken care of by Sheriff S. S. Fleming until they could find work. And now Meyers is in bad again. Policeman Nimrod Sheppard having arrested him on the charge of attempting to cash an alleged forged check.

Gets Suspended Sentence; Is Now in Bad Again

Judge Richard I. Munroe of the Fifth-fourth district court, yesterday overruled the motion for a new trial of John Williams, negro, convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged. Williams is charged with having killed Allison Criner, negro, near Harrison Switch, July 13. The case will be appealed.

A new trial was also refused Mack Rose, convicted of murder in connection with the killing of a negro woman, Christmas day, two years ago, and given ten years in the penitentiary.

Runaway Accident Results in Injury to Man and Woman

John Nichols and wife of Ross were painfully injured on Franklin street yesterday morning when the horse hitched to the buggy in which they were riding became frightened, throwing them to the ground. Mr. Nichols was thrown from the buggy shortly after the horse became frightened. Mrs. Nichols being thrown out the buggy had collided with a farm wagon.

Mrs. Nichols was carried into the Oriental drug store, near which place the accident occurred, where her injuries received medical attention.

Waco Man's Sister Dies.
E. M. Shiller, one of the city letter carriers, received the information yesterday that his sister, Miss Fannie H. Shiller, aged 37, had died early in the morning at a sanitarium in San Antonio. The body of Miss Shiller will be shipped to Victoria to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Shiller, for burial. The brother left for San Antonio yesterday afternoon. Miss Shiller is survived by her parents and six brothers.

Newspaper Woman Marries.
Joe E. Summers and Miss Florence E. Elliott, both of Eddy, were married in the parlors of the Hotel Waco on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, County Judge George N. Denton officiating. Both of the young people are prominent in Eddy circles, the bride being the Eddy correspondent for the Morning News.

Negro Teachers End Sessions.
An address by R. L. Abbott, county superintendent of education, was the final feature of the program of the McLennan county negro teachers' institute, which closed yesterday afternoon after having been in progress for the past four days. Sessions of the institute were held in the Central Texas college for negroes on North Sixth street.

Spread Your Happiness

We wish our subscribers and the public generally a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

We suggest that you will be happier if you spread your Christmas cheer to some friend or relative who is way. Independent Long Distance will help you.

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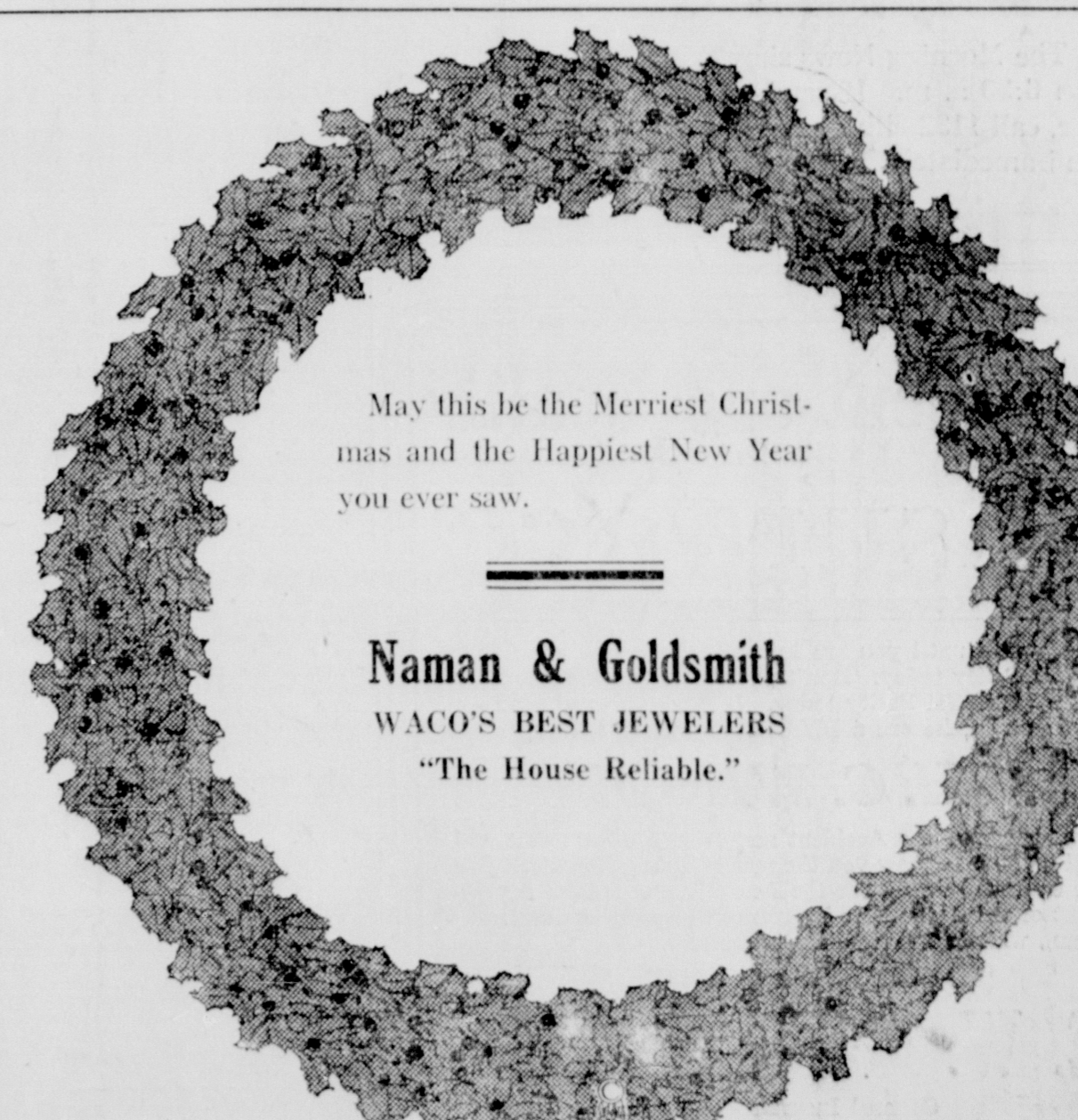
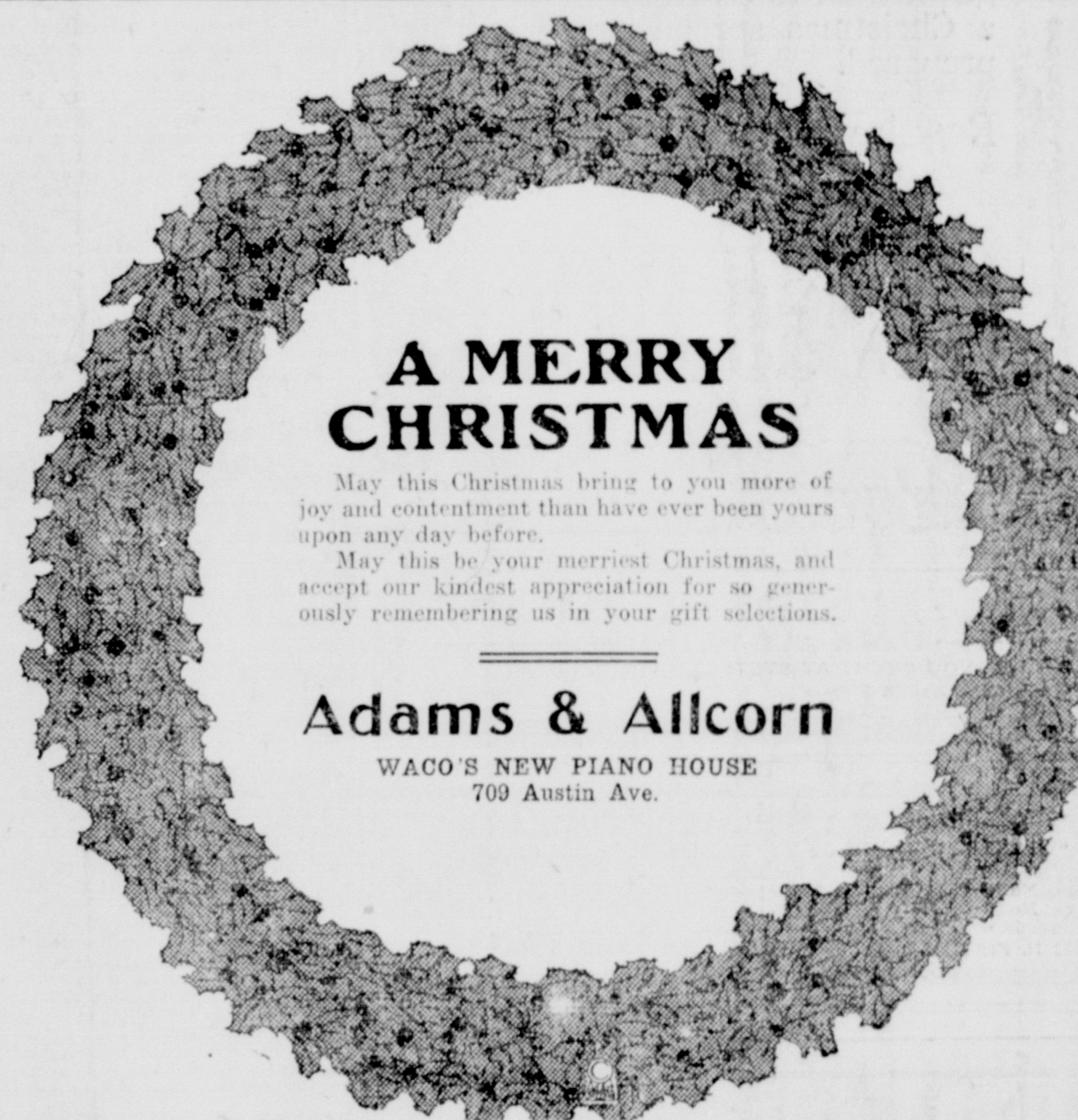
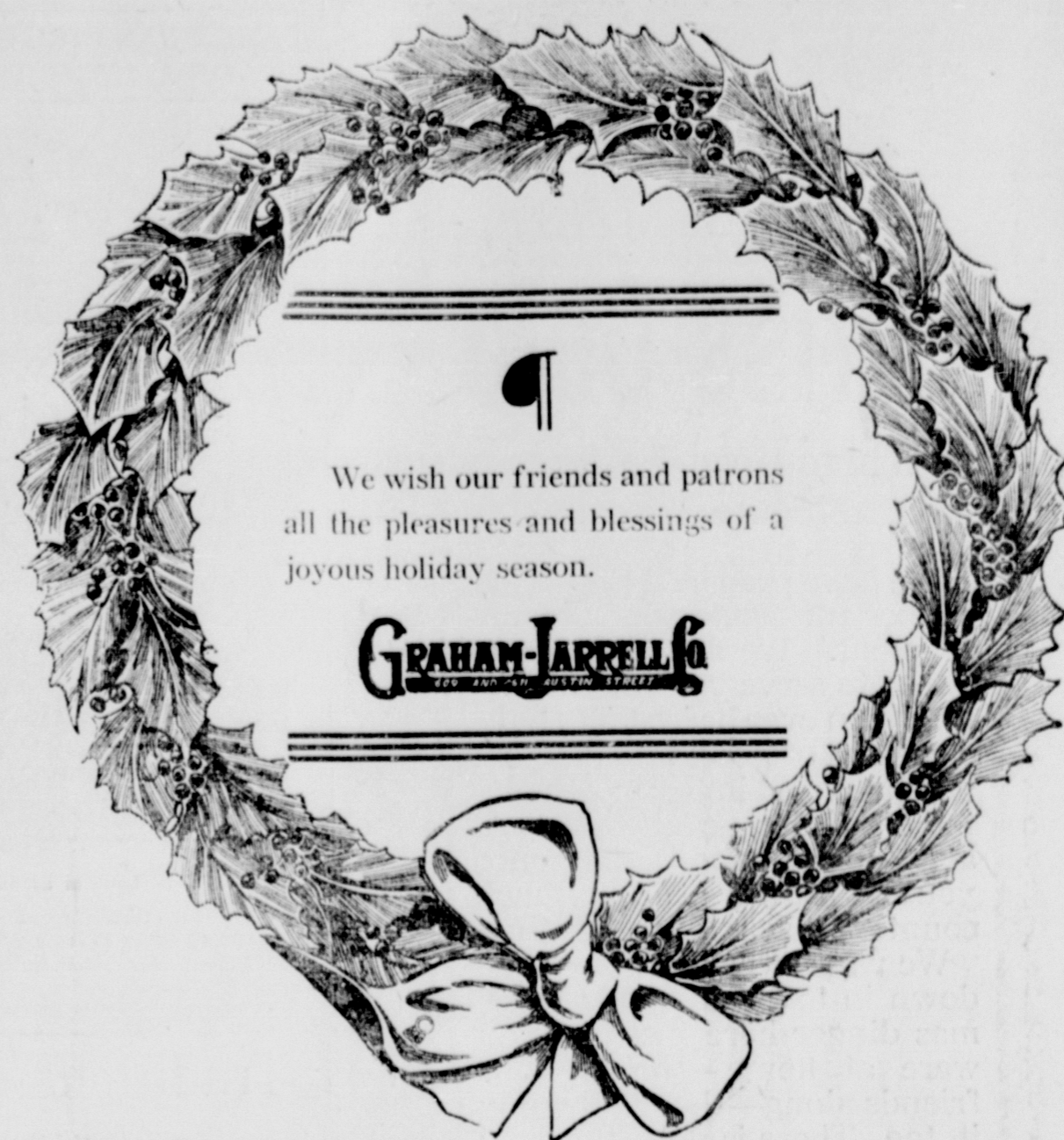
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Where Good Fellows
Congregate Together!

We have prepared Christmas dinner for today for your enjoyment. We are better prepared to serve you this Christmas than ever before. We have a carload of good things to eat and prepared in the most palatable manner—cooked so well and look so good, that once you sit down at our lunch counter you can't resist eating.

We want every man to come down in town and eat Christmas dinner here just like you were at home—bring your friends along—they will enjoy it, too. There is no better way of entertaining an out-of-town guest than to seat him before a Christmas spread properly prepared.

Regular Christmas Dinner
With Venison

Chriss Cafe

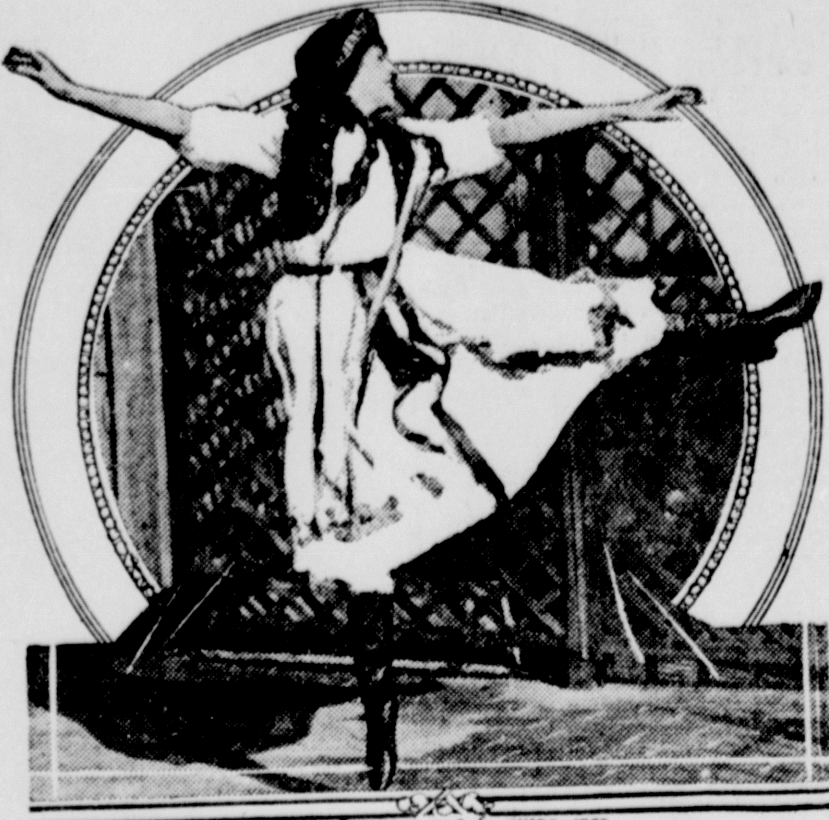
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AMERICAN GIRL HAILED AS GREATEST OF ALL THE INTERPRETATIVE DANCERS



Lada in an old Russian peasant dance.

Lada is the foreign sounding name of this Duluth girl who is now being hailed by critics as the most interesting, fascinating and original of the host of interpretative dancers who have lately come before American audiences.

Traditions of the Mistletoe

Universal Decoration of Yuletide, Which Has Come by Devious Ways
Through the Ages, Has Sacred Origin as Told by Runes and
Sagas of Ancient Angles and Saxons.

We decorate our homes with sprays of mistletoe at Christmas time, but few of us know the history of it as a Yuletide symbol. Pretty girls are kissed under it and a great deal of fun and nonsense is carried on apropos of it, but no one stops to think of how ancient a decoration it is or how sacred it was once thought to be.

Almost everybody has a vague knowledge that the Druids of old had something to do with the gathering of mistletoe, but just what that something was is not clear to the average mind.

The fact is that the ancient Celts in their druidical religion had two great festivals, one in June and the other in December, the latter being equivalent to our Christmas. In both of these great festivals the gathering of the mistletoe was a sacred rite.

Pliny in his natural history describes the ceremony. Speaking of the Druids' worship of the oak he says: "They believe that whatever grows on these trees is sent from heaven and is a sign that the tree has been chosen by the god himself. The mistletoe is very rarely to be met with, but when it is found they gather it with solemn ceremony. This they do especially on the sixth day of the moon, because by the sixth day the moon has plenty of vigor and has not run half its course."

"After the preparations have been made for a sacrifice and a feast under the tree they hail it as the universal healer and bring to the spot two white bulls whose horns have never been bound before. A priest clad in a white robe climbs the tree and with a golden sickle cuts the mistletoe, which is caught in a white cloth. Then they sacrifice the victims, praying that God may make His own gift to prosper with those upon whom He has bestowed it."

"They believe that a potion prepared from mistletoe will increase their flocks and that the plant is a remedy against all poison."

It was believed to be a remedy for many ills, and this belief is still to be found in many remote places in Europe. In Holstein, for example, the mistletoe is regarded as a healing remedy for wounds, and in Lacoune,

France, it is always administered by the native people as an antidote for poison. They apply the plant to the stomach of the patient and give him a solution to drink of it as well. The Gaelic word for mistletoe is "an t'ail loe," which means all healer, and this is probably what the Druids called it in ancient times.

In the northeast of Scotland people used to cut withes of mistletoe at the March full moon; these they bent in circles and kept for a year to cure hectic fevers and other troubles. In some parts of Germany the mistletoe is especially esteemed as a remedy for the ailments of children, who sometimes wear it hung around the neck as an amulet.

In Sweden on Midsummer eve mistletoe is diligently sought after, the people believing it to be possessed of many mystic qualities, and that if a sprig of it is attached to the ceiling of a dwelling house, the horse's stall or the cow's crib, the trolls will then be powerless to injure either man or beast. Branches of the plant are commonly seen in farm houses hanging from the ceiling to protect the dwellings from all harm, but especially from fire, and persons afflicted with the falling sickness think they can ward off all attacks of the malady by carrying about with them a knife which has a handle of mistletoe.

A Swedish remedy for other complaints is to hang a sprig of mistletoe round the sufferer's neck or to make him wear on his finger a ring made from the plant. Moreover they fasten rods of mistletoe or of four different kinds of wood, one of which must be mistletoe. The treasure seeker places the rod on the ground after sundown, and when it rests directly over the treasure the rod begins to move as if it were alive.

Like their Swedish neighbors, many German peasants consider the mistletoe a powerful charm against evil spirits. A similar belief seems to have lingered among the Romans, whose religion at a very early date was somewhat similar to that of the Druids. When Aeneas descended into Hades he bathed to protect himself from the infernal powers a branch of mistletoe, which Vergil calls the golden bough.

A Merry
Christmas and a
Happy and
Prosperous New
Year to You All

FRED STUDER CO.

Waco, Texas

A Merry Christmas

"Lo! Now is come our joyful'st feast;
Let every man be jolly.
Each room with ivy leaves is drest,
And every post with holly."

Weaver Piano Co.

710 Austin

Your Morning Paper

The Morning News should reach you not later than 6:30 a. m. If same is not received by that time, call 1132 either phone, and copy will be sent you immediately.

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Has charge of the Accident and Health department and will be glad to show you the merits of his contracts. We are exclusive agents for the Accident and Health department of the Aetna Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., which company has no superior.

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NEGROES EXTEND CHARITY TO NEEDY MEMBERS OF RACE

Plans for caring for the poor of their race are being made by prominent negroes of the city through the leadership of the ministerial union, composed of the pastors of the various negro churches of the city, and the mothers' clubs affiliated with the various negro schools. Rev. W. D. Miller, pastor of the St. Paul's A. M. E. church, is head of the ministerial union, is head of the general arrangement committee which is composed of several members of the union and the presidents of negro mothers' clubs of the city.

A Christmas dinner will be served to negroes in the St. Paul's A. M. E. church at noon today. The committee is also arranging to send out baskets of food to negro families unable to be present at the dinner. Articles of clothing will also be distributed to the needy.

Funds for the dinner have been raised through the negro motion picture clubs, who also collected a large amount of clothing for distribution.

City Prisoners Receive Freedom as Christmas Gift

First-time prisoners for minor offenses in the city jail will be released without fines this morning when Judge J. G. Wren convenes corporation court, following an annual custom. Habitual offenders and those held on more serious charges than common drunks and disorders will not be allowed to benefit by reason of the holiday leniency.

For first-class plumbing and repairs, call on E. J. Vance & Co., the sanitary plumbers. None but first-class plumbers in our employ. 702 Austin avenue. Phones 205.—Adv.

City Employees Get Early Pay Day for Christmas Holidays

City employees of the street and sanitary departments were enabled to enjoy Christmas the more by receiving weekly pay checks one day early yesterday. Saturday is the regular pay day for all employees working by the week, but the presence of the holiday season was deferred to by City Secretary John Davis by making out the pay roll and issuing the checks a day early in order that the employees might play Santa Claus to their families on Christmas eve.

Employees of the city who draw monthly salaries, including policemen and officials, were permitted to draw the full amount due them for the month of December.

First Presbyterian Choir to Repeat Christmas Cantata

Request of a repetition of the Christmas cantata "Star Divine," rendered last Sunday night by the choir of the First Presbyterian church, have been so numerous that it has been decided to repeat the performance tomorrow night, according to the announcement made yesterday. The rendition tomorrow night, which will be given in the church, will consist of some of the most popular solo and chorus numbers from the cantata.

Share-Holders' Meeting.

The directors of the First State bank of Hewitt, Texas, have called a meeting of the share-holders of said bank, to be held in Hewitt, Texas, on the fourth day of February, 1916, the purpose of said meeting being to vote on the question of liquidating the affairs of the bank, also, for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

By authority of the board,
G. M. FRENCH, Cashier.
(Advertisement.)

No job too large or too small for us. Torbett & Germond Company, 14th and Franklin streets. Both phones.—(Adv.)

A Merry Christmas!

Many happy returns of a joyous
Christmas Day and may the New Year
find you richer in friends and the goods
of this world.

SEGALL
Upstairs Shoe
Parlor

HIPPODROME

WHERE WACO IS ENTERTAINED

This Is Christmas Day

—And as Dickens' Tiny Tim says, "God bless us—every one."

Santa Claus and the Hippodrome are working today. Both deal in SMILES AND FORGETFULNESS OF CARE. Will you not share them with the Hippodrome?

The Play Today Is Another Spectacular Triumph

William Fox Presents

The famous dramatic photoplay star

WILLIAM FARNUM
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"A Soldier's Oath"

A story of Love, Faith and Retribution, played amid the crash and tragedy of international warfare.

DO NOT FAIL TO SEE IT TODAY AT THE

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At The Hippodrome.



A SOLDIER'S OATH
WILLIAM FOX PRODUCTION
Hippodrome today.

Change Made in System of Methodist Orphanage Here

Rev. Josephus Lee, who has been appointed as one of the two commissioners for the Methodist Orphanage in this city, has decided to make his home in Dallas, where he will be convenient to the orphanage and at the same time be able to attend other denominational matters in North Texas. He has recently been appointed as co-commissioner by Bishop J. H. McCoy.

The other commissioner is Dr. W. T. Gray, who resides in Fort Worth. Dr. R. A. Burroughs is manager of the orphanage, and the two commissioners have charge of the financial affairs of the institution. Mr. Lee, the new commissioner, has spent a number of years in educational and religious work and is declared to be eminently qualified for the position of commissioner. Dr. Horace Bishop, presiding elder of the Waxahachie district and president of the board of trustees, declared that Texas was fortunate in securing the services of such a man, and T. S. Armstrong, presiding elder of the Georgetown district, also spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Lee.

At the Rex



Scene from "The Old Homestead," Denman Thompson's great play, pictured by the Paramount with Frank Lasee as Joshua Whitcomb. It will be shown at the Rex theatre Monday and Tuesday.

REX Last Day

In Which to Celebrate Christmas with

Valeska Suratt in
The IMMIGRANT

You'll find this production "worth while." Paramount?—to be sure.

Coming Monday For Two Days

The Paramount Company's Unique Production
Denman Thompson's everlasting and undying

THE OLD HOMESTEAD

These productions are more than "just pictures." Every patron says our "Pictures excel."

A Merry Christmas!

THEATRES

HIPPODROME.

"A Soldier's Oath." During the making of the William Fox masterpiece, "A Soldier's Oath," work was held up by the Hoboken, N. J., authorities who labored under the impression that Director Oscar C. Apfel and his associates were German sympathizers, seeking to violate the neutrality of the United States. Part of the action of "A Soldier's Oath" has to do with an expose of the horrors of war, and, in keeping with that fidelity to detail which characterizes all of the productions directed by Mr. Apfel, nothing would satisfy him unless a forty-two caliber gun was used. A New York big arms company turned out a dummy gun of the fore-mentioned type. The implement was so constructed that it could be fired once or twice without danger, and it bore every resemblance to the guns used in the shelling of Liege. The huge weapon was ferried to Hoboken, there to be transferred to the Fox studios, when it was held up. Hoboken authorities thought that it was destined for some of the German vessels interned there, and not until federal authorities had been called into the case was the "prop" weapon allowed to go to its destination.

AT THE REX.

Valeska Suratt a New Paramount Star. Valeska Suratt, the famous American actress, will make her debut as a Lasky-Paramount star in "The Immigrant." Marion Fairfax's thrilling drama, shown for the first time at Paramount theatres on December 20. It is shown at the Rex theatre again today and tonight.

The story has to do with Masha, a young Russian girl, who comes to America in the steerage, to live with her sister. Two men on the boat, David Harding, second class, and J. J. Walton, first cabin, are struck by her unusual beauty. To protect Masha from the insults of one of the officers, Harding secures for her a second class cabin. Walton has noticed the Russian's beauty and is attracted by her. Harding secures the address of her relatives in New York and so does Walton. The husband of Masha's sister is a drunken brute, and when Walton appears and offers the girl a position in his house, she accepts it. Later she is forced to become Walton's mistress.

In the meantime young Harding, who is a civil engineer and contractor, has secured from the government a contract to build a big dam in Arizona. Walton and his ring of political grafters plan to blow up the dam and

At the Hippodrome



A SOLDIER'S OATH
WILLIAM FOX PRODUCTION
Hippodrome today.

drive Harding, who refuses to take graft, to ruin. Harding, having met Masha several times, is deeply in love with her, and when she and Walton journey west to witness the explosion of the dam, he meets her.

While Masha and Harding are talking, the dam is blown up. Harding rushes out to save what he can, followed by the excited Masha. Walton does not know the raging torrent from the dam is undermining the house from which he is watching his triumph, until suddenly it collapses, burying him in the debris. In an attempt to save a little girl from drowning, Harding is rendered unconscious. Masha finds him and tells him that Walton ordered the dam blown up and also that she was never the wife of the politician.

Despite this, Harding asks her to marry him and the thrilling story ends happily.

"The Old Homestead" to Be Seen.

The greatest of all American rural dramas, "The Old Homestead," has been adapted for Paramount by the Famous Players Film company. This classic, which for over thirty years has held the laughter and tears of the public by the magic of its spell, is assured even more popularity upon the screen than it attained on the legitimate stage.

"The Old Homestead" like "Uncle Tom's Cabin," has proven its popularity and its undying interest to generation after generation of theatre-goers and it is estimated by Frank Thompson, son and heir of the celebrated author-actor, from whom the rights to the adaptation were obtained, that in the three decades during which the play was being presented on the stage, it was seen by over twenty million people in the United States and Canada. Though it might seem that such an estimate was too high, it must be remembered that during the entire period that Denman Thompson was presenting the play and appearing as the beloved Josh Whitcomb in person, there was at least one other company touring the country in the same play.

It is interesting to know that Thompson drew his characters from real life and that the name Joshua Whitcomb is actually a composite of the names of two New Hampshire neighbors whom the author knew and admired. The scene of the rural portion of the drama was laid in and about the Thompson home in the farm district of the adjacent country, and every character in the play had its counterpart in real life.

In the role made famous by Denman Thompson there appears Frank Lasee, the distinguished character actor, who after a long and successful career on the speaking stage, became a member of the Famous Players company. Mr. Lasee will be remembered for his notable work in "The Eternal City," "The Masqueraders," and other productions by this pioneer feature concern. As Josh Whitcomb he will have the greatest opportunity of his career.

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At The Rex.



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Musical Program St. Paul's Church This Morning

Observance of Christmas day in St. Paul's Episcopal church will consist of an elaborate musical program which will begin at 10:45 this morning. The morning prayer will be read by the rector, Rev. W. P. Witsell, and will be followed by celebration of the holy communion.

The musical program is as follows:
Organ prelude, offertory on two Christmas hymns Guilman
Processional hymn (50) "Come Hither, Ye Faithful"
Venite Fourth Gregorian Tone Gloria Hopkins
Te Deum Shepard
Jubilate Preston
Soprano solo, "Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices" Eggert
Hymn (56) "Christians Awake"
Offertory anthem, "The People That Walked in Darkness" Rogers
Hymn (57) "Sing, O Sing, This Blessed Morn."
Kyrie Cruickshank
Gloria Tibi Cruickshank
Sanctus Cruickshank
Agnus Dei Cruickshank
Gloria in Excelsis Cruickshank
Recessional hymn (59) "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."
Organ postlude—Grand Caecour....
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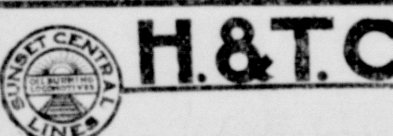
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MARKET REPORTS

COTTON

New York.

By The Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 24.—After an early buying movement which sent March contracts up to 12 1/2 in the cotton market here today, business was very quiet, with a decline of 2 points and the greater part of the afternoon to the exchange of holiday greetings. Prices reacted slightly, with March selling off to 12 1/2 but the close was firm at 12 1/2 for that position and at a net advance of from 5 to 10 points on the general list.

As Liverpool was closed and will remain closed until next Tuesday morning, there were no cables to influence sentiment and there seemed nothing in the general news that attracted any special attention around the ring. The market opened steady at an advance of 2 points and a decline of 2 points and almost immediately improved on a flurry of covering. January led the advance, selling up to 11 3/4 or 15 points higher, while May sold at 12 1/2 and July at 12 1/2, or 11 to 12 points above last night's closing figures. As the difference between January and March narrowed January shorts seemed able to secure their contracts more freely and prices turned slightly easier, with prices showing reactions of some 1 to 2 points toward the close.

Monday will be the first January notice day in the market here, but a good deal of scattered January liquidation has been reached during the past week and the relatively steady ruling of that position this morning suggested that accounts had been pretty well evened up. It was estimated around the ring that notices might be issued on Monday against possibly 30,000 bales of the local stock.

The export situation again seemed to be engaging the chief attention of the trade and in some quarters it is claimed that the restriction upon hedge selling in Liverpool as well as the scarcity of ocean tonnage and the shipping difficulties have tended to restrict the outward movement this season. It was reported that ocean freight brokers are now asking a rate of \$2.25 per 100 pounds to Liverpool.

Weekly Cotton Review.

By The Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 24.—The cotton market has been comparatively quiet during the week, with fluctuations more or less irregular and with business largely in the way of evening up or adjusting accounts for over the holidays. Liquidation by near month longs has been replaced by purchases of later positions in some instances, while spot houses have bought January against sales of new crop deliveries at the prevailing differences and Liverpool has been covering near month straddles or transferring them into the more remote positions. The census figures published on Monday failed to create any fresh sentiment with reference to the probable extent of available supplies, as the gaining returns were considered closely in line with the government's estimate of the cotton crop and the most discussed feature in the situation has been the continued light export movement.

Further advances have been reported in ocean freight rates and it is now figured by local exporters that the cost of laying down Texas cotton in Liverpool is in the neighborhood of 4 1/2 to 4 3/4 per pound. The improvement in sterling exchange has tended to offset this advanced cost of transportation to some slight extent, but the Liverpool selling of late months here has been taken as a sign of expectations of still wider differences and the bearish view has been that owing to heavy cost of importation and unfavorable financial conditions abroad exports would be held down to the most urgent requirements. These considerations, combined with the large supply available in the south, have probably accounted for the tendency of offerings to increase on advices but there has been little or no talk of southern spot markets and the absence of pressure from that direction has helped to steady the local market on comparatively moderate declines.

Reports from the domestic goods markets have indicated continued activity and mail advices quote some of the prominent Liverpool firms as estimating Lancashire consumption at from 3,000,000 to 3,500,000 bales for the season, owing partly to the increased use of heavyweight goods.

New Orleans.

By The Associated Press.
New Orleans, Dec. 24.—Steadiness prevailed in the local cotton market today, chiefly because of the buying of covers by the short interest. While the advance was moderate, it was made without the help of any aggressive movement on the part of bullish traders. At the best of the day prices were about 10 points over yesterday's last quotation.

Around the opening prices were 5 to 9 points up and the demand from shorts was felt to a considerable extent. There was much comment about January tenders, but the market held its good tone and the rise was witnessed to 11 points before noon. Around the middle of the day the demand slackened and under the dullness prices reacted 6 points only to steady after.

The buying simply seemed to be due to the desire to even up over the double holidays. Monday will be first notice day for January in the American markets and large tenders were predicted.

Weekly Review.

By The Associated Press.
New Orleans, Dec. 24.—The local cotton market was a holiday affair the past week, with trading small in volume on the whole and price changes narrow. Occasional bursts of heavy trading occurred, resulting from pressure from the short side. The net change for the week was a loss of 2 points to a gain of 12 points. At the highest the market was 14 to 15 points over last week's close and at the lowest was 6 to 14 points under.

Bears based their selling on the small exports and the small demand for spots, which they considered eventually would weaken spot holders in the south. In the early part of the week the international political situation was considerable unfavorable and caused short offerings. Toward the close of the week the shorts were limited to even up over the double holidays.

On the long side traders were encouraged by the continued refusal of spot owners to trade freely at prevailing prices. Ginnings were considered important since they were accepted as controlling short crop estimates. Little aggressiveness was displayed by bullish traders, however.

SPOTS.

Galveston.

Galveston, Dec. 24.—Middling 12 1/2; receipts 11,054; sales 150; stocks 366,534; tone steady.

Dallas.

Dallas, Dec. 24.—Middling 11 60c; market steady.

Houston.

Houston, Dec. 24.—Middling 12 05c; market steady; sales 94, f. o. b. 200.

New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—Middling 11 60c; market dull; sales 200, f. o. b. 350.

New York.

New York, Dec. 24.—Middling 12 15c; market quiet; sales none.

WHEAT

By The Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Strong cables and fear of green bug damage gave a notable stimulus today to the buying of wheat, and continued to carry the market to new high prices for the 1915 crop. The close was buoyant at 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 net advance, with December \$1.27 1/2 and May at \$1.23 1/2. Other leading staples, too, all scored gains—corn 1 1/4 to 2 1/4, oats 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 and provisions 1 1/2 to 1 3/4.

Buying power in the wheat pit seemed to be virtually without any limit. To some extent at least the orders to purchase came from foreigners and it was plain that the rest of the demand reflected to a large degree the rising quotations at Liverpool, where scarcity of supplies appeared to be growing more pronounced.

Notwithstanding that tomorrow being Christmas a bull might have been expected in wheat exports, fresh transactions to Europe of place both here and in the east and it was said that the announcement of total business during the last few days were decidedly under estimates. Aside from the strength of the export business, the market was noticeably affected in a bullish manner by the government weekly report confirming the gossip from other sources that serious damage from green bugs in the southwest was not nearly as bad as had been feared by holders was on a large scale, but caused no permanent setback to prices.

Corn, like wheat, felt the bullish influence of the needs of Europe. Besides unsettled weather and car scarcity and the meagerness of the stock here tended to tighten up values. Oats were helped especially by the removal of the embargo at Newport News. Higher prices on logs and grain made provisions join in the upward swing. Futures in the local pits ranged today as follows:

Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec.	1.25 1/2	1.27 1/2	1.25 1/2	1.27 1/2
May	1.24	1.26 1/2	1.24	1.26 1/2
July	1.17	1.19 1/2	1.16 1/2	1.18 1/2
Corn—				
Dec. ....	.71 1/2	.73 1/2	.71 1/2	.73 1/2
May ....	.70 1/2	.72 1/2	.70 1/2	.72 1/2
July ....	.70	.71 1/2	.70	.71 1/2
Oats—				
Dec. ....	.43	.43 1/2	.43 1/2	.43 1/2
May ....	.42 1/2	.44 1/2	.42 1/2	.44 1/2
July ....	.42 1/2	.44 1/2	.42 1/2	.44 1/2
Rye—				
Dec.	18.50	19.00	18.50	19.00
May	18.67	19.00	18.67	18.97
Barley—				
Dec.	9.62	9.72	9.62	9.72
May	9.55	10.02	9.55	10.02
Clover—				
Dec.	9.90	10.10	9.90	10.07
May	10.27	10.47	10.27	10.47

CASH GRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Wheat—No. 2 red nominal; No. 2 hard \$1.25 1/2 to 1.26; No. 2 yellow nominal. Oats—Standard nominal. Barley—\$7.00 to 7.10.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Wheat—No. 2 red \$1.25 1/2 to 1.26; No. 2 hard nominal. Corn—No. 2 72c, No. 2 white 73c. Oats—No. 2 41 1/2 to 42c, No. 2 white nominal.

COTTON FUTURES.

Liverpool, Dec. 24.—The futures and cash markets are closed until Tuesday. The London stock exchange also is closed, but other exchanges will be closed tomorrow and Monday.

New York.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	11.87	11.90	11.87	11.95
March	12.12	12.26	12.12	12.25
May	12.40	12.50	12.40	12.50
July	12.54	12.66	12.54	12.66
Tone—Firm.				

New Orleans.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	11.67	11.77	11.67	11.73
March	12.04	12.12	12.03	12.10
May	12.32	12.41	12.03	12.10
July	12.50	12.58	12.49	12.56

HESTER'S WEEKLY STATEMENT.

Movement of Cotton.

(Comparisons are to actual dates, not to date of corresponding week.)

In sight—	421,000
For week—	623,000
Same 7 days last year—	574,000
Same 7 days year before—	574,000
Same date last year—	1,321,000
Same date year before—	1,960,000
For season—	7,092,000
Same date last year—	7,401,000
Same date year before—	9,915,000
Port receipts—	
For season—	3,955,000
Same date last year—	4,384,000
Same date year before—	6,938,000
For season—	542,000
Same date last year—	451,000
Same date year before—	614,000
For season—	614,000
Same date last year—	1,680,000
Same date year before—	1,431,000
For season—	1,591,000
Same date last year—	1,591,000
Interior stocks in excess of—	
August 1—	909,000
This year—	1,135,000
Last year—	772,000
Year before—	772,000
Foreign exports—	
For week—	121,000
Same 7 days last year—	271,000
Same 7 days year before—	266,000
For season—	2,224,000
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FOR SALE CHEAP—Hot air heater. New phone 1814W.

FOR SALE—Winchester 12-gauge pump gun, in first-class condition. Will sell cheap for cash. Address Box 151, care News.

FOR SALE—Household goods, including new Hoosier cabinet and two rugs. Inquire at 1317 N. 11th.

FOR SALE—Several thousand young seedling pecan trees, 4 to 10 feet in height; baled alfalfa, sorghum, oat and wheat straw; also two nice young horses. St. Falkner, both phones.

WANTED—An institution that is thoroughly reliable to do my shoe repairing. See the Dixie, 625 Austin Ave.

A SET of standard silver-plated band instruments, almost new, some never unpacked, at about half price. Charles Parker, Waco, Texas, new phone 1157, old 583 Franklin St.

KINDLING, kindling, kindling—Big load of dry kindling, delivered anywhere in the city for \$1.50. Both phones No. 20.

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Big stock, best goods, best prices.
Twenty-seven years in Waco. Not in high rent district.
Walk a block and save a dollar.
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New Phone 33. Old Phone 591

FOR SALE—Willis utility truck. Used only for demonstrations, run about 1000 miles. This will be sold at a real bargain. J. C. Kilgore & Co., 620-622 Franklin St.

Houses and Flats for Rent

FOR RENT—Or lease, for one year or more to responsible party, my home of ten rooms; gas, light, hot and cold water. Close in. Apply N. S. Alexander, new phone 442, or 1075.

FOR RENT—Desirable 5-room house; modern conveniences; close price to right party. Old phone 874.

FOR RENT—House suitable for two families, fully furnished; separate baths; conveniences; \$25. 828 N. 20th, old 1018.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Nice large house, N. 12th; close in; splendid location for boarding house. C. R. Turner.

FOR RENT—Nice home with 10 acres or more, 1 mile from limits. H. B. Sligh, new phone 2219Y.

FOR RENT—A grocery store, wood yard and 4-room house, all for \$20; thick settlement. 620 S. 12th St., old phone 1357.

FOR RENT—3 furnished rooms for light housekeeping, or two unfurnished. All conveniences. Old phone 1337.

7-ROOM HOUSE, modern conveniences. 1223 Columbus St. Apply 321 N. 11th St., old phone 1233.

FOR RENT—A cottage, with all modern conveniences, located 1523 Columbus St. Apply Simmons Feed and Fuel Co., both phones 87.

Room and Board

FOR RENT—Rooms, with or without board, 701 Columbus. New phone 1518X.

Moving and Storage

MOVING, packing, storage and shipping, also wood sawing. We move anything. Phone U. S. New phone 1194.

DILWORTH & GEORGE, moving, packing, shipping, storage and heavy hauling. 708 Franklin St., new phone 2554.

Money to Loan

MONEY TO LOAN on good farm land. Low rate of interest. Fitzhugh, Skinner & Fannin, Amicable Bldg.

Fish and Oysters.

BRAZOS FISH MARKET—E. Henry, proprietor. East Side Square, old phone 460, new phone 536.

Rooms for Rent

FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms and bath; also screened-in back porch. 1224 Clay. Ring new phone 1596X.

FOR RENT—Large front room, either to couple or gent. Apply 525 S. 4th.

A LADY to take nice large southeast room with bath adjoining; privilege of co-operative housekeeping if desired; meals furnished within the block. Teacher or business woman preferred. Apply new phone 107, old phone 2173.

RIG furnished front room, gas heat, hot water in bath. 903 Austin, new phone 2862Z.

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished front room with good board. 913 Austin, old phone 2553.

FOR RENT—Two neatly furnished housekeeping rooms and one single room. 402 N. 8th St.

FOR RENT—Suites for light housekeeping; hot artesian baths. 415 Clay, new phone 1647.

NICELY furnished rooms for housekeeping, close in; cheap. 408 N. 7th St., corner Jefferson.

FOR RENT—One room for light housekeeping; also bath; board near. 1193 S. 5th St. New phone 2287.

FOR RENT—Three unfurnished rooms, near Baylor. Apply 605 James St.

FOR RENT—Two connecting rooms, also one large front room, furnished complete for light housekeeping. New phone 1550.

FURNISHED bed rooms, gas heat, hot and cold water. 917 Austin. Both phones 2244.

FOR RENT—One or two furnished or unfurnished rooms; all conveniences; hot water in bath. New phone 3106.

FOR RENT—Nice private apartment. New phone 2462.

NICE furnished rooms for rent, close in. No. 411 S. 3d.

FOR RENT—One to six rooms, furnished for light housekeeping; private bath; hot water; on Speight St. Call 950, either phone. Ask for Mr. Benham.

FURNISHED bed rooms, with all conveniences. Private family. Both phones 2244. 917 Austin.

FOR RENT—To couple only, two completely furnished light housekeeping rooms; hot water and lights. 1425 Washington.

DESIRABLE ROOMS with private family, furnished with every convenience, on car line; good neighborhood. Price reasonable. New phone 1435.

ONE large front room, furnished; gas heat; all conveniences. 407 N. 11th St., new phone 3045.

NICELY furnished rooms, close in, for gentlemen or couples. Hot and cold water, heated by gas. Call at 1000 Washington avenue, or phone 2073 new.

FURNISHED ROOMS in heart of city rates reasonable. 612 1/2 Austin.

FOR RENT—Furnished housekeeping rooms, gas heat, at 506 Jefferson St. New phone 2225. Mrs. Blake.

FOR RENT—Apartment, modern, complete. 715 N. 15th St. New phone 665, old phone 1209.

Wanted—Miscellaneous

WANTED—To buy good notes. R. D. Harris, Box 661.

WANTED—To sell you all the dry oak cord wood you can use at \$4 per cord. Simmons Feed & Fuel Co., both phones 87.

WANTED—Boys: Four good, honest, reliable ones, Thursday morning 7:30 to distribute books; good salary. Apply Savoy Hotel.

WANTED—Solicitor with rig, for house-to-house canvass on rural routes out of Waco, by big Waco concern. Address Box 153, care Waco News.

LET us make you some special piece of furniture, service, workmanship and price right. Phones new 160, old 730. Waco Barber Supply Co.

WANTED—An institution that is thoroughly reliable to do my shoe repairing. See the Dixie, 625 Austin Ave.

WANTED—Ladies to come here with their shoes and have them dyed; rest room, piano, etc.; everything for your comfort. The Dixie, 625 Austin Ave.

MAKE ME your best price 20 shares Waco Morning News.

WANTED—An American institution—the Dixie Shoe Shop, thoroughly sanitary and equipped with the latest machinery, capable to high-class people who prefer the highest-class work, 623 Austin Ave.—to do my work.

WANTED—Nearly new rubber-tired buggy, top preferred, in first-class condition, at bargain. Address Buggy, care News.

THE EAST SIDE MISSION will call for all cast-off clothing. Phone your residence number to R. Wright & Son, Grocers, and same will be properly distributed.

Lost, Found, Strayed, Etc

FOUND—Purse. Owner can have same by describing purse and paying for this ad. Apply 1015 S. 7th St.

LOST—Diamond ring at Central Presbyterian church Sunday night. Liberal reward for return to Mrs. J. W. Carroll, care Morning News.

LOST—Between I. & G. N. and M. & K. T. passenger depot, one red leather hand bag. Finder will please notify Ray McDonald, Box 1013, Austin, and receive reward.

LOST—A memorandum book with names and addresses, between 10th and 16th on Clay. For reward return to 316 N. 13th.

LOST—One fawn colored heavy-seamed crumpled horned Jersey cow. Ring either phone 2263 any information as to whereabouts.

FOUND—Small brooch. Owner may have same by describing pin and paying for ad.

Special Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Bids for furnishing all material and labor and constructing a six-inch sanitary sewer lateral, 354 feet in length, will be received in the office of the City Engineer of Waco, at City Hall up to 12 o'clock noon, Dec. 28, 1915, at which time they will be opened by the City Engineer and the undersigned and contract let to the lowest and best bidder, the right to reject any and all bids is reserved. Specifications and profile on file in the office of the city engineer. (Signed) W. E. LESSING.

WE BUY, sell and repair cash registers, typewriters and all kinds of office furniture. Phones new 160, old 720.

THE COLUMBUS Shoe Shop, G. Russo, proprietor, has moved from 510 Austin St. to 106 S. 6th St., opposite Hotel Waco.

HAVE you any furniture to crate, pack or repair? Let us figure with you. Phones, new 160, old 720. Waco Barber Supply Co.

TENTS FOR SALE AND RENT. SECOND HAND TENTS BOUGHT AND SOLD. ED STRAUSS, 617 JACKSON.

RING 2084, new phone, and have your mattresses removed. Union Mattress Factory, 626 S. 11th St.

WE WELD ANYTHING, large or small; any kind of metal—cast aluminum, steel or iron; every job guaranteed. Guarantee Welding Co. of Waco, at Dorsett's, 610 Austin St.

HING E. T. ALEXANDER, Jersey males, new phone 731, 116 Washington.

MISS MINNIE OWENS
Public stenographer, notary public, 414 Peerless Bldg., old phone 882.

Male Help Wanted

WANTED—Solicitor with rig for house-to-house canvass on rural routes out of Waco, by big Waco concern. Address Box 153, care Waco News.

GASOLINE 19 cents. T. Q. Garrett.

BOYS WANTED WITH WHEELS.—Apply to 202 S. 8th St.

Female Help Wanted

WANTED—Young ladies who wish to become nurses. Apply in person. Curtis Sanitarium.

WANTED—An experienced cook for a small family. New phone 3414.

COLORADO GIRL, 14 or 15 years old to work in fruit stand. New phone 2520.

Help Wanted—General.

WANTED—A few men or women of culture to handle a high-class proposition locally on commission. W. C. A., Box 360, Waco.

Agents Wanted

WANTED—Solicitor with rig for house-to-house canvass on rural routes out of Waco, by big Waco concern. Address Box 153, care Waco News.

MAN wanted to manage crew of demonstrators. Salary and commission. Send 4 cents postage for particulars. Germania Company, 211 Fitzgerald St., Corpus Christi, Texas.

Salesmen Wanted

WANTED—Solicitor with rig, for house-to-house canvass on rural routes out of Waco, by big Waco concern. Address Box 153, care Waco News.

Educational.

ATTEND TOBY'S BUSINESS COLLEGE. NONE BETTER. OPEN ALL YEAR. ALSO TEACH BY MAIL.

TEACHER OF PIANO.
Home studio, 914 Burleson. Special attention to beginners. Miss Beta Williams, old phone 1523.

Situations Wanted

LADY STENOGRAPHER desires position; 7 years' experience. New phone 1518X.

FOR EXPERIENCED first-class sick nurse see L. Burks, 1806 S. 4th St., new phone 3429.

FOR FIRST-CLASS colored nurse. See L. Burks, 806 S. 4th St., new phone 3429.

EXPERIENCED nurse desires invalid or maternity cases. Ring new phone 1369.

Wood and Wood Sawing

WOOD SAWED—Ready for the heater. \$4 per cord. New phone 2219Y. H. B. Sligh.

WOOD, WOOD, WOOD—160 chunks for \$1; 300 sticks oak stove wood \$1. New phone 1543.

WOOD SAWING—Ring new phone 1194 and get your wood sawed at once.

FOR WOOD RING J. M. DONAHUE, NEW PHONE 837, OLD PHONE 1510.

FOR THE BEST oak wood ring W. E. Hilley, formerly with Donahoe. Old phone 1412, new phone 3041.

400 STICKS dry post oak stove wood, \$1. E. B. Daniels, new phone 707.

Plumbers

TEXAS PLUMBING CO., plumbing, steam and hot water heating; natural gas fitting. 214 S. 8th St. Call 286, new phone.

Cleaning and Pressing

DON'T have amateurs mess with your clothes, when it costs no more at Burnett's, 413 Franklin, new phone 463.

J. H. KEMP, Dependable Tailoring, cleaning and pressing, 203 Franklin St., new phone 2660. Work called for and delivered.

Carpet Cleaning

EXPERT CARPET CLEANING, vacuum process, reasonable prices. Wilson's carpet cleaning shop, new phone 1931.

Chili Parlors.

EAT the famous chile and the special chicken soup prepared by Mrs. Joale Dragana Milano, 413 Franklin.

Banks.

FARMERS IMPROVEMENT BANK, 109 Bridge St., new phone 996, invites your account. Safety first our motto.

Brick Manufacturers.

BUILD WITH BRICK.—Patronize home manufacturers. Harris Brick Co., 1114 Dallas St., new phone 2474.

Lumber and Building Material

LONG LEAF LUMBER.—All building materials, complete house bills shipped anywhere, quick shipments. Grade and count guaranteed. Examination allowed. Send estimate. INDEPENDENT Co-operative Lumber Co., Lake Charles, La.

Wanted to Buy

WANTED, TO RENT A FORD, in good running condition, for the next few days. Call either phone 2856.

WANTED—To trade a gas range for a gasoline range; must be in good condition. 1600 S. 4th.

Dentists

DR. W. G. SORRELLE, dental surgeon (for colored); 111 1/2 Bridge St., new phone 1377.

Wanted to Rent

HORSE AND BUGGY—Willing to pay \$5 each and feed for same. Answer promptly. 158, care News.

Legal Notices.

RECEIVER'S SALE.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1916, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at public auction, all the furniture and furnishings in the Higgins Hotel at Waco, Texas, by authority of an order of the 74th Judicial District Court, McLennan County, Tex., entered in cause No. 630, styled Albert Pick & Co. vs. J. W. Higgins et al. Said sale will be made between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. at the Austin street door of the Higgins Hotel at the corner of Eighth and Austin streets in the city of Waco, Texas. The property will be sold as one lot or parcel. All said property is now located in the Higgins hotel at Waco, where it can be inspected at any time prior to the sale by any one interested.

CLINT PADGITT, Receiver.

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ATTENTION, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Members of Waco Commandery No. 10 K. T. will hold the regular Christmas observance Saturday, Dec. 25, at 10:30 a. m., in the new Masonic Temple, corner 8th and Washington streets. All Royal Arch and Master Masons are cordially invited to meet with us. V. F. COLEMAN, Acting Com. J. F. BRINKERHOFF, Rec.

Lutheran Church to Observe Christmas in Two Services Today

Christmas will be observed at the Scandinavian Lutheran church today with an elaborate program including music and a sermon by the pastor. Morning services begin at 10:45.

The following program has been announced for the annual Christmas tree exercises which begin at 7:30 tonight:

Hymn—"Holy Night".....Congregation
Address.....Rev. M. B. Quill
Song—"Listen Tonight".....Lucile Bell
Christmas recitation:
"Pledge".....Estelle Grimland
"The Knight Herald".....Paul Nelson
"Caesar Augustus".....Lucile Bell
"Joseph and Mary".....Lillian Bronstad
"Bethlehem".....Lillian Bronstad
"Emmer Bronstad, George Smith,
Jack Grimland, Robert Olson."
Song—"Bethlehem Babe".....Sunday School
Song—"While Shepherds Watched".....Sunday School
"Luther's Cradle Hymn".....Sunday School
Recitation—"Six Little Children"
Robert Olson, Morris Nelson and Christine Olson
Song—"Glory to God".....Ladies of Bible Class
Song—"Christmas Tide".....Sunday School
Hymn.....Congregation
Benediction.....Rev. M. B. Quill
Doxology.....Congregation

One Delivery of Mail Will Be Made in Waco Today

City and rural letter carriers will observe Christmas today by carrying the great volume of Christmas mail and packages to the homes in their regular deliveries. Extra men for the parcel post deliveries have been selected from the waiting list and the one day of more mail than any other in the year will be distributed without congestion through Postmaster Hoffmann's office today.

The postoffice will be open until 12:30 noon today, and tomorrow the stamp window will be open the hour from 9 to 10 o'clock in the morning.

Parcels Post Supplants Santa's Reindeer Sleigh

Small Boy (looking at the Santa pictures in the papers)—"Mamma, ain't old Santa Claus got any reindeers any more; I can't find them in the pictures?"

Logical Mamma—"No, dearie; he uses the parcels post now."

Mother was right according to the volume of business which has been done at the Waco postoffice this year. A guess at the situation by Postmaster W. H. Hoffmann places the number of parcels at one and one-half times the amount of business that was done during the Christmas season last year.

It was impossible to get at the exact number that have been sent out, the problem being about as simple as the proverbial problem of counting the sands on the seashore. The men who handle the packages roughly estimate that they have been handling about a carload of parcels a day for the past four days. When one thinks of the dainty little packet fixed by Mary for Jamie and the golden and odorous of the same necessary to fill a big, roomy steel baggage or mail car some idea of the number sent can be imagined. Every possible convenience was furnished to the senders, and the crowds of eager Christmas givers were handled with dispatch and system. The postoffice reserves were brought out, meaning every available man at full tilt in the mailing department. Postmaster Hoffmann and his stenographer, Mr. Hoffmann presided over a table surrounded by scales,

stamps of every denomination and courteously answered foolish and sensible questions alike as he deftly weighed the packages and often obligingly "licked" the stamps. The young man of the postmaster's office was occupied in a similar manner. As soon as wrapped packages were dropped into a large wicker basket and employees hauled these into the mailing rooms and supplied fresh baskets. With the two tables and the regular stamp window, there were three tributary streams to the overflow of packages that kept up ceaselessly for four days.

The income of packages yesterday was comparatively light—a day formerly when everybody it seemed waited to send their Christmas mail.

"This year was marked by the people mailing their packages earlier than ever before," said Postmaster Hoffmann, and it carried with it an implied appreciation of the fact that people are applying the "shop early" religion into their mailing.

Out of the thousands and thousands of parcels only three were held up for having no addresses whatever on them—an almost incredible record. But despite the showing, three folks will wonder they did not get a remembrance from some one very dear, perhaps, and three others folks will marvel that there is no happy thanks for presents sent—all because in three instances the gospel of "sets first" preached by the postoffice department has been ignored.

Dear old Santa, how did you ever get along without the parcels post?

Detective Unwittingly Assists Santa Claus

If Officer Bob Buchanan ever has any occasion to use an alias, he might select Santa Claus for his nom de plume with a clear conscience. A little negro home over on the East Side today is joyously preparing to eat two Christmas turkeys, whereas without Officer Buchanan's detective instinct there would have been a turkeyless dinner and a dismal cabin, not to mention hungry pickaninnies. The plans for a piping hot turkey for dinner with heavy dressing cooking out like lava from a volcano crater would have gone higher than a Zeppelin. Mournful pickaninnies would have rolled on the floor nursing empty "tummies" instead of howling from the old orthodox pain caused by too much stuffing and cranberry sass.

It was up to Officer Buchanan to see that chicken thieves did not undo what Santa had done. Santa to this particular negro home meant two plump young turkeys for Christmas dinner and a half dozen hens for the Yuletide generally.

In the early gray dawn yesterday

when the pickaninnies dreamed of old Santa and the turkey, two silent negro chicken thieves stole into the little coop that held the precious members of the feathered tribe and copped the entire collection. But their devilry was frustrated when they attempted to cross the suspension bridge with their loot.

Officer Buchanan returning home after being on duty through the night, saw the two negroes with their pillaged cargo and straightway imagined something was wrong and hailed the whole caboodle before a prize court at the city hall.

The turkeys were placed in one cell and the negroes in another.

In the afternoon the rightful owner was found and the turkeys were eagerly claimed by the negro mammy and were taken back to fulfill their mission of being sacrificed on the block for the edification of a bunch of pickaninnies at Christmas dinner.

The two negro thieves will have a dinner, too—in the city jail and turkeyless.

Parade Permit Required to Move Foreign Shipment

Chicago's Christmas shoppers witnessed a very unusual sight today when the Channell Chemical company hauled a shipment of O-Cedar Oil Mops through the business section of the city, and which was consigned to a foreign port.

This shipment weighed 175 tons and valued at \$52,000, formed such a long procession that it was necessary to first obtain a parade permit before the merchandise could be taken to the freight station.

A squad of mounted police headed this unique parade, which was five blocks in length and for some time all down town traffic was completely blocked. The shipment was an outright sale and taxed the load capacity of thirty-four immense trucks, each of which was decorated with American flags and carried bunting and reading, "One order to one country."

This is by far the largest single order of oil mops for floors ever shipped by any concern at one time and is the result of an aggressive campaign on the part of the Channell Chemical company for foreign business. Since the world war began this company has sold more than 750,000 mops in Europe alone.

A previous export shipment, fully insured at its value of \$42,000, and carried by the steamship Inkum, went to the bottom when this boat was torpedoed recently by a submarine.

Knights Templar Hold Christmas Services Today

Annual Christmas exercises of Waco Knights Templar will be observed in the hall this morning. The services will begin about 11 o'clock, the time being arranged so that every lodge in the United States begins the celebration at the same moment. V. F. Coleman, acting eminent commander, will preside.

Toasts will be drunk to the president of the United States, the grand master of the grand encampment of the United States, the grand commander of the Knights Templar in Texas, grand master of the blue lodge, the grand high priest of the grand royal arch chapter and to the memory of deceased Knight Templars.

WHAT CAUSES COLDS?

This question is asked every day. A cold is really a fever, not always caused by the weather but often due to disordered blood or lack of important food-elements. In changing seasons fatfoods are essential because they distribute heat by enriching the blood and so render the system better able to withstand the varying elements. This is the important reason why Scott's Emulsion should always be taken for colds, and it does more—builds strength to prevent sickness.

Scott's Emulsion contains Nature's rare strength building fats, so skillfully blended that the blood profits from every drop. It is free from harmful drugs or alcohol. Sold at drug stores—always get the genuine.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

Julotta Services at Scandinavian Church This Morning

"Julotta" services will be conducted at 5 o'clock Christmas morning at the Scandinavian Methodist church, corner North Tenth and Vermont streets. A. S. Hart will conduct this service and every Scandinavian in the city is invited.

A Christmas entertainment will be given Christmas night, beginning at 8 o'clock, and the Sunday school children promise a very interesting program. The interior decorations of the church will surpass all previous records, and credit is due the members of the Epworth league for the interest and enthusiasm shown by them in making such elaborate arrangements. The whole program will be given in the English language.

Pastor J. J. Hamilton will preach in Swedish, his first sermon as pastor of the Scandinavian Methodist church here, on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at night at 7:30.

Pastor Hamilton, who is also a presiding elder of the Southern Swedish Mission conference, comes to Waco from Manor, Texas, where he has had great success the past five years. Everybody cordially invited to attend the services.

Christmas Solemn Occasion at Church of the Assumption

The Feast of the Nativity will be commemorated in the Church of the Assumption this morning by the singing of five masses, the first, a solemn high mass, beginning at 5:30. The last mass, also a solemn high mass, will be sung at 10:30. Low masses will be sung at 6:30, 8:00 and 9:15. The sermon of the day will be delivered at the mass this morning by Rev. Daniel O'Sullivan, S. J., of St. Mary's university, Galveston.

St. Joseph's chorus will be rendered at the 5:30 and 10:30 services this morning, the choir being under the direction of Professor Lescale of the Hippodrome theatre.

The only midnight mass of the season in Waco will be sung tonight at the Providence sanitarium for the benefit of the religious community having charge of the sanitarium.

Ptomaine Poisoning from Wedding Supper Causes Bride's Death

Ptomaine poisoning caused by something eaten at her wedding supper, little more than a week ago, caused the death yesterday morning of Mrs. Hattie Williams, aged 21. Mrs. Williams died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lena Karper, 1812 Burnett street. She was married December 15 to William Williams. She was taken ill after the wedding supper which followed the ceremony, and steadily grew worse until death came early yesterday morning. The funeral will be held at the Karper residence at 2:30 this afternoon, followed by burial in Greenwood cemetery at Speegleville.

The serious illness and death of Mrs. Williams, who was formerly an operator of the Southwestern telephone exchange here, caused abandonment of the annual Christmas celebration of employees of the company here.

"Good Morning and a Merry Christmas to You"

Sanger Brothers

Safety First Idea Fools Auto Thieves

The malevolent auto thief, who is putting the once infamous horse thief in the realms of the extinct Dodo, will have to get some new kinks in his repertoire of criminal abilities, if he "gets away" with his theft in Waco. National magazines tell the news that the auto thief is becoming a menace to the whole country and Waco has a list of such thefts on her police records, but it is becoming more and more difficult to molest a car in the city.

The tangible reason why the auto thief cannot in many cases get away with his game, is because Waco autoists are getting the habit of putting a chain and padlock around the wheels of their cars. A walk down

the main streets will show many of the cars along the curbs securely fastened with lock and chain.

There seems to be no end to the possibilities of the "Safety First" movement.

Electric Repair.
We do electric contract and repair work. The Lane Co., both phones.

Coal Tar, Roofing, Pitch and Tarred Felt for sale in any quantity by Torbett & Germond Company, Fourteenth and Franklin streets. Both phones.—Adv.

Attorney Albert C. Johnston
has moved from the court house to 708 Amicable Bldg. New phone 601.—Adv.

Gas Piping.
Let us figure with you on your gas work. The Lane Co., both phones.—Adv.

Old Fashioned Love Feast at Clay Street Methodist

Christmas observance at the Clay Street Methodist church, will take the form of an old fashioned "love feast," which will begin at 11 o'clock this morning. The old custom of the congregation, gathering and partaking of the "bread and water" will be revived. No formal program will be arranged, each member being called upon for a short expression of gratitude and praise.

Gas Piping.
Let us figure with you on your gas work. The Lane Company. Both phones.—(Adv.)

A Merry Xmas!

The glow of deeds done, the comfort of having made others happy, the joy of knowing there is more to do and the glorious promise of achievements during the coming year—

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